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THOUGHTS THAT BREATHE AND WORDS THAT BURN

Anti-Socialist Revolution in Italy Inspires Uprising against Bolshevism in Other Lands

THE recent anti-Socialist revolution which has rescued Italy from impending disaster, and the anti-Bolshevist demonstration that quickly followed in other lands, are hopeful indications of a wide-spread and growing revulsion of public sentiment against the Communist movement that has wrecked Russia, brought Austria and Italy to the verge of ruin and has become a serious menace in other countries, including the United States.

After the World War Italy found herself floundering and nearly submerged in the wave of Bolshevism that swept westward from Soviet Russia. The "Reds" (that aggregation of radicals symbolized by the blood-color of their banners and other insignia, and comprising Socialists, Communists, Bolsheviks, Anarchists I W W's and what not, all striving, though perhaps with somewhat different aims, to overthrow not only the constituted governments but even the existing social order on which present-day civilization has been upbuilt) became rampant and through political activity or by lawless violence, frequently by both combined, got control of a large part of Italy, including agricultural as well as industrial sections and important cities.

Following the example of the Russian Bolsheviks who had confiscated all factories together with their finished products, stock unmanufactured or in process, and including even the ready cash and bank deposits without compensating their owners, the wage-earners in the "Red" districts of Italy forcibly took possession of the industrial establishments in which they were employed, drove out the owners and worked the factories for their own benefit, dividing among themselves the entire profits which they confidently expected to yield them much more than they had been receiving as wages. The dispossessed owners were compelled to submit to this species of robbery because such of the local officials as were not in sympathy with the "Reds" dared not oppose them, and in fact were powerless to do so.

Soon the hired farm laborers became infected with Socialistic ideas and consequently agricultural interests suffered demoralization. There were numerous strikes attended by violence and intimidation by employees of the municipalities and in other branches of the public service, inflicting hardship and suffering on the people. As an illustration may be mentioned the strike of the employees of the lighting system of one of the largest Italian cities which enveloped the entire city in a pall of Stygian darkness. A veritable reign of "Red" terror that was rapidly approaching a state of anarchy prevailed throughout a large part of Italy, causing a general industrial, commercial and financial depression. The "Reds" were so numerous and violently aggressive that the Italian government was unable to cope with the situation, not daring to attempt the restoration of law and order by resorting to military force for fear of provoking a civil war which appeared to be imminent. In all probability civil war started under conditions existing at that time would have resulted in overthrowing constitutional government in Italy and establishing in its place a Soviet despotism like that of Russia. Even as it was the "Reds" had a large representation in the Italian parliament and a considerable influence in the administrative departments of the government.

The Fascisti to the Rescue

When conditions were at their worst and the prospect was the gloomiest some veterans of the World War formed an association for the patriotic purpose of defending the constitutional government of Italy and rescuing the country from the tyranny and machinations of the "Reds." They called themselves "Fascisti", deriving their name from the word "Fasces", the old Latin name of that quaint symbol of power which consisted of a bundle of birch or elm rods bound with a thong and enclosing the handle of a battle-ax with the

blade protruding conspicuously from the side or end. In the days of the ancient Roman republic the fasces was the insignia of lawful authority, and as such was borne on public occasions before the chief magistrate by an attendant called a "lictor". Every member of the Fascisti wears a pin designed to be a miniature representation of the fasces which they have adopted for their emblem as indicative of their prime purpose to support the government. When assembled for public parade or other duty they wear black shirts for a distinctive uniform typical of their special antipathy to the "Reds".

Although originated by, and still largely composed of, war veterans, the Fascisti welcome to their membership true and loyal men in any walk of life, however humble or exalted, who are sincerely in sympathy with, and willing to work, sacrifice and, if need be, fight and even die, as hundreds of their members have, for the cause. Their membership grew rapidly and now numbers, as is claimed, more than a million including, besides former soldiers, nobles and peasants, business and professional men and laborers. As already stated, the situation was desperate in the extreme when the Fascisti began operating, and, as they believed, required heroic treatment which they proceeded to administer. Where the "Reds" had subverted lawful authority by lawless violence and intimidation the Fascisti armed themselves and by opposing force with force and threats with threats reestablished law and order in place of tyranny and anarchy.

Experiment in Applied Communism Turns Out a Dismal Failure

Those inclined to favor Socialistic or Communist theories as the basis of a workable scheme for the solution of industrial and social problems should find an illumination object lesson in certain developments which were influential in inducing many laborers after a while to renounce their "Red" proclivities and join the Fascisti. The Italian workmen, who, acting in accordance with the Socialist proposition that capital has no right to share in the products of industry, had seized the factories, soon found that they lacked the business ability requisite to operate them successfully. Under their inefficient factory management production fell off largely while cost of manufacture increased in like or even greater proportion, and their difficulties were augmented by unbusiness-like methods of buying, selling and financing, so that manufacturing plants that were prosperous going concerns when seized soon ceased to return any profit, then began to lose money. On reaching the stage at which the laborers could not get their wages out of the business they were running they went to the dispossessed owners and besought them to take back the properties and operate them in the old way which they were free to acknowledge was best for all concerned. By bitter experience in having their own way they had learned that capital and management are elements quite as essential as labor in the production of wealth.

Remarkable Career of the Leader of the Fascisti Revolution

The extreme misery in the form of general poverty, famine, business stagnation and unemployment of labor inflicted on Russia by the Bolshevik government which still holds, but can not successfully operate the industrial properties which it confiscated, and at the same time murdered, imprisoned or drove the owners into exile, is in such sharp contrast to the recent happy come-back of Italy that world-wide attention is directed to the man who led the movement that has culminated in an anti-Socialist revolution.

Until the World War Benito Mussolini was a Socialist. He had been the editor of a Socialist paper, and later a college professor. As a Socialist he was opposed to war on general principles but recognized the necessity for Italy to enter the

World War in the interest of self preservation, the risk of personal violence he attempted to press his views on a mass meeting of Socialists who were trying to keep Italy out of war. Italy entered the war he volunteered for military service. He was wounded at the front, and on return organized the Fascisti to combat the growth of Socialism in northern Italy.

After cleaning up the situation there in a manner and to the extent already described, he determined to rid the Italian government of Socialist officials, and, backed by more than a million Fascisti who were armed, organized and ready to march on Rome at his command, he demanded the resignation of the Prime Minister and his entire Cabinet. On the King's refusal to permit the use of the army for forcible measures against the Fascisti the entire Cabinet resigned. Whereupon the King sent for Mussolini, who cordially came to Rome, attended by a large number of armed Fascisti to preserve order, and presented himself at the palace where the King appointed him Prime Minister and commissioned him to form a new Cabinet.

Mussolini chose strong, able, patriotic men for his Cabinet and set to work at once to reorganize administration of government in the most economical and efficient manner. He has a perfect standing with the King who heartily approves his governmental policies. Mussolini has the enthusiastic support of a large majority of the Italian people who acclaim him as the liberator of Italy from the scourge Socialism.

Anti-Socialist Movements in Other Lands Follow Fascisti Revolution

The effect of the successful Fascisti revolution is not confined to Italy but has spread with amazing rapidity into many other lands where exerting an influence that at its present progress bids fair to become world-wide. "Black Shirt" organizations have sprung up in the countries of Middle Europe, including those that border on Soviet Russia. Some of these themselves "Fascisti" while others have a different name, but all are modeled after the Italian prototype. The Bolshevik rulers are alarmed lest the movement penetrate their country and start a counter-revolution that would end their official careers if not their lives.

A recent Associated Press dispatch from Moscow, the Soviet capital and headquarters of the "Third Internationale" (the supreme authority directs Communist activities and propaganda world over, and is intimately associated with the Soviet government of Russia) states that the Third Internationale is considering tactics to combat the wave of Fascism which is rapidly making tremendous strides in Germany, Roumania, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. It adds that "the Russian newspaper Pravda" the Communists must create an anti-Fascist movement and fortify their party against the rapid being made by the movement that sweeps

Fascism of the genuine type has got a foothold in Mexico and is expanding through the country of "Black Shirt" organizations that are springing up in various localities. The banner under which they parade is the national flag of Mexico, and they professing their patriotic purpose to defend and preserve the constitutional government in the country, its authority for the maintenance of law and order in all parts of the republic. Their special duty is to resist, forcibly if need be, any lawless insurrectionary attempts on the part of the Communists whose strength and aggressiveness have become a national menace and a source of trouble in one or more States dominated by the Communists. Doubtless Mexico needs the stabilizing influence of a strong citizens organization.

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THE NEW YEAR JEST

By Joseph F. Novak

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See front cover illustration.

HEREFORD walked down the crowded street, glad of the dark night that hid his poverty, for it was emphasized by the well-dressed people who pressed gaily on all sides of him. It was late, after eleven, the theaters were disem- their crowds, and these mingled with the ms who paraded up and down the streets for the midnight riot of noise, for it was it's Eve.

ord had left his home in desperation—he t stand the sight of his tired, discouraged bear to hear his small daughter ask if uld have something real nice for their ar dinner, especially when she told her strict confidence—that she was sure it chicken.

id never been rich, but he had always id to make enough to keep himself and his d ones comfortable. Came the old story, loss of work, the attendant drain on his nd then, discouragement.

id have to go to the charitable bureau urning, that was all. Pride was strong, for his dear ones was stronger. His l suggested that she go, but to allow her harity, that he would not do. No! If itable associations were to be applied to, d do it, for though the task was humili- ously, weakly let her do it, in his est- brand him as forever yellow.

l-blooded man wants charity and even the d of doing something desperate to secure ch would preserve life, was infinitely bet- at that would not do. Not being a pro- l at that sort of thing, the jail would him up, undoubtedly, and while he had he had hope. And then, he had promised that he would not do anything wrong.

to do? What to do? It was verging on t, and he could not go home without some hope for his wife, for he had assured her nothing must turn up. Place your own ones in the position of his, see your wife d whose welfare and happiness are your ruling's thought when you arise and last ey lie down at night, beneath your pro- realize that Hereford's wife as dear to yours as to you, and then you know was up against it.

is growing colder every moment and a id was blowing from off the lake. If it id snow and storm hard. A blizzard nean snow-clogged streets and a chance down-and-outs to make a few cents. ased from the crowded streets and on to levard, on which fashionable clubs fronted. edestrians were not walking here; the s too cutting.

now a bit of damp coldness struck his Another, and another. His hope had been It was, indeed, beginning to snow. dived up to a building and hunched up collar. The immense foundation stones ilding formed little caves where the win- ere cut in, and into one of these recesses d slipped, for it kept the sharp stinging rom cutting through his all too thin

He might just as well wait there as possibly he might be told to move out if he were so hidden, he would—his as almost broken down.

stood there while the storm continued to violence, and he noted with pleasure that ks the automobiles made continually grew h.

ntly a tall figure clad in a cloak that much gold braid, approached. It was the n of the club.

e on," Hereford said mentally and pre- o do so, when the doorman said:

"Go to go in, sir."

Hereford asked, unbelievably, the gentlemen want to see you."

could they want him for? Probably to n of him, Hereford thought. Well, that clubman generally was of generous dis- and if they made sport of him perhaps ould pay him for it, and accepting help way was infinitely less degrading, he than out and out charity.

e followed the broad-shouldered door-man o the club where he was introduced to the ps who evidently had sent for him, by the n, thus briefly:

"Is the chap you wanted, sir," and he left. ord looked at the two young men to whom een thus perfunctorily presented. One ll, the other rather short, a *la Mutt* and both were good-looking fellows with eyes ith waggish glee, their dress-suits did not whir to the dignity of their appearance,

rather rakish aspect of both led Here- believe that they had been drinking and I just enough to have a merry "souze" on. both grinned at each other, then the little giggled foolishly and the big fellow l uproariously.

you want me?" Hereford asked, without in their merriment. There was nothing in the situation to him, though perhaps as to them in inviting a tramp like him- o the sacred precincts of their club.

not laughing at you, brother," the taller plained, "and we called you in to ask you want to go on an errand for us?"

y, yes, I'll be glad to oblige you," Hereford

dangerous!" the little fellow said sudden- here whisper.

I maybe you'd go over the road if the pro- officer caught you?" exclaimed the taller ed proper," thought Hereford, "but at ey talk plainly." He was interested, how- the club was warm, so he waited pa- for them to proceed, which they presently

en, brother. The club was raided tonight ey took away all our wet goods. How can ebrate the New Year without drinks? I n? I ask you!" he repeated complaining- ly. I got some fine old champagne in my at home and I want someone to go for it. ou?"

ccurred to Hereford that it was strange ey should ask a total stranger to go on an errand, and he wondered why they didn't a attaché of the club or one of their chauf- But he didn't say anything. If there was ee to make a dollar or two running the , that dollar was to be his. He needed it ch to quibble.

go," he said briefly. "Where to?"

placed a key in his hand, and gave him t directions. As they described sundry little in the building to which they were send- n, any misgivings as to their right to send anished. That they were doing the pre- us thing of sending him to the home of them (he hadn't gleaned yet whether the was the home of the big fellow or the little l, giving him the key and thereby giving e full opportunity of looting the place if chose, he attributed to the fact that they "half-shot" and didn't fully realize what ere doing.

took the key they gave, and then listened y told him to bring all the champagne he carry in a suit-case which he would find in e closet adjoining the wine-cellar. They ed the bottles with enough accuracy for ord to recognize them and then they nearly o blow as to whom should pay for run- he errand, and finally compromised by each Hereford a five-dollar bill, so that he got dars instead of five and had their promise

of a like amount when he returned with his burden.

With key in hand, he left the building. He heard the little chap gurgle: "What a joke!" But he thought that the little fellow considered that they were playing an excellent joke on the prohibition officers who had thought to deprive them of their drinks, and let it go at that.

Hereford was now in the skies? Twenty dollars! In the blustering wind there was a song of cheer, and its whistle was like unto the un- vented shout of joy that rose in his heart. He would accomplish his errand, and his fee col- lected, he would make application to clean the streets, and return home—rich!

Already that great army, the street cleaners, had appeared. They loom up from—one won- ders?—and stoically perform their duty. What is in the minds of that army that work, steadily, quietly, never a laugh, never a jest? How many of those human shells hold some pitiful life trag- dy? In a short while he would be one of them but—it was for his loved ones!

Hereford hurried along and after a half-hour's walk reached his destination. The house was built on mansion lines, spacious as to ground and noble as to structure. Not a light shone about it, and its snow-bound appearance gave it a lone- ly grandeur.

He hurried up the steps and to the porch and slipped they key into the keyhole. It turned with the familiarity of much usage, and he went in, his hand sliding along the wall until it struck the electric button.

This illumined various lamps in a long hall, and their different colored shades, artistically blended, gave the long corridor an aspect of bewilder- ing beauty. On various pedestals there were fine bronzes, worth, to a man in Hereford's con- dition, a small fortune. How easy to pick up a few and disappear. But no such thought oc- curred to him just then. The fact that he had ten dollars in his pocket to alleviate his pressing distress routed all criminal thoughts.

The sight of so much wealth did not rattle his heart. He was strangely unenvious. He wished that he might provide his loved ones with the beautiful things he now saw, and he felt that if he possessed them he would joy in seeing his wife and child in such splendid surroundings. If a man was capable of making enough money to sur- round himself with such beauties, that was his affair—he would do the same if he could. He had no patience with those envious ones who en- vied the rich simply because they had been more fortunate in their battle with life.

He walked down the long corridor to a heavy walnut door and opened it. Then pressing the

"Just the old, threadbare one. Money all gone, no job, discouraged wife, hungry kid—"

"Oh, buddy, buddy, that's what every low-down thief tries to get away with!"

His disbeliever stung Hereford like the swing of the knout.

"No, by God, I'm not a low-down thief! And I'll tell you how I got here and the only way you'll stop my mouth is by plugging me. A couple of young fellows, half-shot, called me into their club and told me that the place had been raided by prohibition officers and they sent me to this house to get some champagne. They gave me five dollars each and promised me more when I returned. I thought everything was all right and why should I suspect differently when they gave me the key to the house and described the in- terior? I did think it was strange that they should ask a perfect stranger to do the errand, but I laid it to the fact that they were partially drunk—and I needed the money they promised me for doing the errand. All right. That's all there is to it. Arrest me, if you like, but I don't know that you've got the right to stop me, and how can I know whether you are the owner of this place or not? But go ahead, you seem to be in authority here, so call the police. I've never been in jail yet, and perhaps I might just as well start the New Year in that fashion as well as any other."

He sank down into a chair near by and hid his face in his hands. The thought that he had al- ways kept his name clear was always a comfort and now he would lose that consolation. No one would believe his story, and how could he get the two young fellows to prove that he was speaking the truth? He didn't even know their names.

As he sat, he suddenly felt hands passing quick- ly over his body, and especially about his trousers and coat pockets. He looked up. The young fel- low stood before him.

"Pardon me, buddy, I just wanted to make sure that you hadn't a gun about you. You talk pret- ty sincerely, but I thought it might be just a ruse to work on my sympathies. By the way, do you know the name of the club into which you were invited?"

"It was the 'Petronius', if I am not mistaken," Hereford answered.

"And what were the young fellows who sent you on this errand like?" continued the young fellow.

"One was tall, rather dark, and well but slen- derly built. The other was considerably shorter, a little inclined to be stout. Both of them were immensely tickled over what they were doing and spoke of what a joke it was. I thought they meant on the prohibition officers."

SMILES

By Robert Lee Campbell

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There is nothing that costs less or yields a larger dividend than a smile. For

Smile and the world will befriend you,

Frown and you fight all alone;

Smile and your bed's made of roses,

Frown and you sleep on a stone.

Smile, you're bedecked with bright jewels,

Frown and their brilliancy ends;

Smile and the world is an Eden,

Frown and a tempest descends.

Smile and long years will endow you,

Frown and you're aged in youth;

Smile and then all will be beauty,

But frown and all is uncouth.

Smile when temptations assail you

And half of your fighting is done,

For smiles have won more great battles

Than Mars has ever yet won.

button at the head of the steps, as per instruc- tions, he followed the staircase down into the cellar and found the cabinet wherein the private stock was stored. A hasty examination of the bottles showed him what he wanted, and he turned to another door and opening same found stacked neatly therein traveling bags of all sorts.

Selecting a strong suit-case, he brought it be- fore the cabinet and put a dozen and a half bottles of champagne into it. Then closing it, and testing its weight, he strapped it up and turned to leave.

"Put it down and stick 'em up! buddy" a voice casually remarked behind him. With a startled thrill he did as he was bidden, then slowly turned to see a man seated at the head of the stairs, calmly holding an automatic, steadily leveled.

"What are you going to do with that stuff?" queried the calm figure.

"I—I was sent for it," Hereford stammered.

"Oh, undoubtedly! But really, buddy," the casual voice continued, "I have a very poor cellar to rob, and believe me, I didn't stock up before prohibition set in. It's all hold-over. As long as you intended to rob, though, why didn't you take the up-stairs? There's more valuable stuff up there, unless, of course, it was wet goods you wanted."

Hereford looked at the young fellow. He was about twenty-six or twenty-seven, with steady eyes and a fine face. And there was nothing grim in the look he bestowed upon the intruder, only a sort of sad compassion. He sat there, calmly, holding the gun, the heavy fur collar of his coat falling away from the white bosom of his shirt- front where a pearl stud gleamed softly.

Taking heart from the man's unhostile look, Hereford ventured:

"Will you let me explain?"

"Explain?" the young chap answered, with just the slightest smile about his lips. "I don't think there is need for explanation."

"Well, what are you going to do with me?"

"There's generally only one thing to be done with chaps like you and that's to turn them over to the police, buddy."

"All right," Hereford returned, "I'm glad." But he wasn't.

"Glad?" remarked the young fellow.

"Yes, for then my story will become known and perhaps I will be given a helping hand."

Thus Hereford spoke, but he wasn't glad. He knew that if his story were given publicity, there would undoubtedly be a purse made up for him, and condescending charity bestowed, and that galled his spirit. And then to be arrested as a thief. Everything had looked bright—the prospect of an additional ten dollars meant so much to him, and he had hoped to eke out this with cleaning the streets all night.

"What is your story?" the young fellow asked.

"Oh," commented the young fellow, "All right, come up-stairs," and dropping the automatic into his pocket, he led the way Hereford followed him.

"Listen, buddy, just take those statuettes and put them in the other room and kick those rugs about some."

Wonderingly, Hereford did so. Then the young chap opened a small wall cabinet and drew forth a telephone and called a number.

Almost immediately a connection was had.

"Petronius Club? This is Waverly. Billy Waverly. Is either Spencer or Parker there?"

Mutt and Jeff, you know.....All right, call them

.....I don't care if they are mildly soured, call them anyhow.....all right.....I'll hold the wire....."

He sat with the receiver to his ear for several minutes without a word. Then:

"Hello, hello, that you, Spencer?.....Are you too drunk to understand?.....Oh, you do! All right, then, listen: My home has been robbed."

(The grin that overspread his face and the audib- voice that could be distinctly heard in the quiet room though it was at the other end of the wire, told Hereford that the young fellow had sprung a sensation.) "You'll come down right away? Why?.....You know something of it?..... You?.....Oh, all right, if you wish. Good by."

He continued to smile his quizzical smile, and they waited for a little while when there was a squeal of brakes outside which betokened a ma- chine stopping.

The next moment there was a ring at the door.

The young chap sprang up. "Hide behind that curtain, buddy," he directed and Hereford did, just as the door opened and the two chaps who had sent him on the errand rushed in, both thor- oughly shocked into sobriety.

"Good heaven, Waverly, you don't mean to say that you were robbed?" said little Parker.

"That's what I do," Waverly returned, "look!" and with a sweep of his hand he indicated the rather disordered corridor.

"Good gosh!" ejaculated Spencer in his turn, "it's our fault. You know you were talking about that splendid old champagne of yours. Well, we thought we'd play a joke on you, by getting it and serving it to you, and then try to prove that what we were serving was superior to it, and when you persisted in saying yours was better to pounce on you and tell you that it was your own stock. We picked up a chap from the streets and asked him to go on the errand. We helped our- selves to your house key and gave it to the fellow and told him exactly how to get down into your cellar. We were stewed just enough to know that our chauffeurs nor none of the attaches of the club would do it. And we trumped up a story that the club was raided so as to give this man some reason to believe that we had an object in sending for it. But, gee, we never thought that

he might strip the house. Is much gone? If it is, we'll have to make good, of course."

"So you thought it a pretty good joke, eh? Seems like it is on you, doesn't it?" Waverly said sternly. "Suppose I had plugged the chap with- out a word?"

"Plugged him? How could you have done it?" and then seeing the twinkle in Waverly's eyes, Spencer exclaimed: "You didn't catch him, did you?"

"Did I catch him? Well, you'd better believe I did. Say, buddy, come here!"

Hereford stepped out.

"It's a mighty good thing you selected an hon- est man to help you. The joke's on you, boys. You've had your little scare—now for the sequel. There's nothing gone, and this man only did as he was instructed until I interrupted him."

The little chap stepped to Hereford's side. "My name's Parker. Shake, brother."

"And mine's Spencer," informed the taller chap, also extending his hand. "Say, Waverly, how did you get hep to what we did?"

"I didn't get hep as you say and my returning home in this manner was quite accidental. After I had finished my game of billiards, I put on my coat and subconsciously looked for my key and found it gone. I knew I had it for it is the only key I carry when I wear full dress. How I lost it, I couldn't imagine, and so I started on a still hunt for it. I asked the door-man if he saw any- thing of it and he said no. I didn't know why I should feel worried if the key were really lost be- cause even if someone found it, they would not have any idea as to what house it belonged. Then I thought I might have dropped it on the porch and if perchance some prowler happened along, as might find it, though that seemed a little ab- surd considering the snowstorm outside. But something told me to come and I came, first get- ting the duplicate key that I keep in the club safe. But now that that is explained, what are we going to do with buddy here?"

"I'm, that's simple enough," little Parker re- turned. "You know that the Club makes a New Year resolution every year to do some good, re- gardless of the nature of that good. Now, I shall propose that we adopt buddy and his family un- til they get on their feet again. Our first step will be to get him a job and then advance him enough money, if he needs any, to start out the New Year with a nice, clean slate."

"Fine idea," said Waverly. "Will you accept, buddy?"

Would he accept? Who would not when the thing was presented to him in such tactful fashion? No charity, just the extension of hon- est trust, just what a square man wanted.

"I can't thank you enough, gentlemen," he said. "I—"

"That's all right," Waverly said. "And sup- pose you come up-stairs with me and I'll give you a warmer suit of clothes. It's freezing outside tonight."

Hereford was persuaded and went up-stairs where he was soon fitted out in one of Waverly's suits which, fortunately, fitted him well, he and Waverly being about the same build.

To the suit was added a warm overcoat, hat and woolen gloves, and then the four left the house and got into the big limousine that was waiting outside. Directions given, they drove to Hereford's simple home.

Mrs. Hereford was sitting up, waiting, won- dering what the coming morning would bring. She had been possessed alternately with hope and fear. Hereford's not coming betokened several possibilities: he might have found work or in a frenzy of desperation done something which had gotten him into the hands of the police. She fer- vently prayed it was the former, and when at mid- night she heard the joyful New Year bells peal forth through the blustering storm and listened to the shrieking whistles, hope had risen. But, with the dying away of the celebration, so had her hopes died away and the sickening dread of the morrow had returned. Now, when her hus- band entered, she shrieked aloud, not recognizing him at first.

"Hush, dearest," he said, throwing the over- coat from him and taking her in his arms, "let me wish you a happy New Year. And it will be for these men have promised to give me what I ask for a chance to get on my feet. The old, dark days are, I hope, gone forever."

"Yes, Mrs. Hereford," said little Parker brisk- ly, "we're going to do that. And we just thought we'd better bring your husband home lest you think that his promises were only fairy tales. Confound that sharp wind. It has made my eyes all bleary!" And he wiped them.

Hereford picked up little Evelyn from the bed. "You see, gentlemen, my only treasures. Pre- cious, yet I could not part with them if I starved for it."

"Well, I guess there's no need of our hanging around, Hereford. We just wanted to bring you home and save you the walk on this awful night. Everything is set for your starting fresh on Tues- day morning, so we'll see you then."

They shook hands and departed.

Mrs. Hereford looked inquiringly at her hus- band as if she wondered if indeed she were awake.

He poked up the fire, sat down before the little stove, and drew her into his arms.

"Let me tell you the story, dear," he said.

Thirteen-Twice

By Luth Addington

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THE afternoon express whistled for the station Coeburn. A handsome girl of nineteen summers—Gertrude Cecil was her name—showed her alligator-hide traveling bag into the aisle and arose to stand beside it. She was supremely happy. In her pleasing air one could read, "The greatest event of all my life will happen today." Her big brown eyes were two pictures of expectant joy. Her little round mouth seemed to be waiting for—but that should be the climax of this story. Should? Nothing would be said here of her cheeks and neck had they not been the typical "the skin you love to touch" kind.

On the seat directly opposite her sat two girls, apparently of the "soda-jerker" class. Their con- versation caught the attention of Miss Cecil.

"You say that Calvin delved right into the cash register at Cox's Mercantile and started to run with a roll of money?" said the one of the black middy to the one of the white middy.

"Yes," returned White Middy, "but someone struck him over the head with a scale weight. I would not have known it was Calvin had the weight not knocked some kind of a riggin' off his face. Quick as lightning he jerked a pistol and shot a time or two. Bein' obliged to hurry on to the drug store I could not stay to witness the final results. Though I heard later that the po- lice took Calvin to jail; and that he was so nearly dead, old Tom Hank, owner of the Hank Coal Mine took pity on him and bailed him out so his pleading mother could nurse him. I went home that evening and heard nothing more about the case. We'll hear everything today."

Instantly the expression on Miss Cecil's superb face was completely changed. Now it was one of mingled disappointment, sorrow and sympathy. Yes, sympathy. Sympathy for Calvin—Calvin Crist—a new clerk at the Cox Mercantile Com- pany. At nine o'clock that evening they were to be married. Why had he committed such a crime?

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Brownie's Triumph

by Mrs. Georgie Sheldon



"Yes, betrayed your trust, betrayed your aunt's trust, and played the villain of the deepest dye."



She threw her arms around her friend and embraced her fervently.



"Can you do it?" she asked curiously when she had finished.

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Brownie Douglas, waiting at Memorial Hall, Centennial Exposition, Philadelphia, is joined by her friend, Aspasia Huntington, a wealthy Baltimore belle, who meets with a slight accident in her dress, attracting the attention of two gentlemen, Adrian Dredmond, an Englishman, and Mr. Gordon who recognizes Brownie, she being an intimate friend of his sisters. Her father, dying before she is born, and her mother at her birth, she is adopted by her great aunt, who gives her her name Mehetabel and brings her up to remember she is a direct descendant from the Scottish nobility. Her nurse calls her Brownie from the first. Adrian Dredmond, stepping upon something, picks up a costly cuff button with a large D, studded with brilliants, and the word "Brownie" in finest letters upon the back. That night Miss Mehetabel Douglas tells Brownie the story of her life, her betrothal to Lord Dunforth, the ball given by Helen Capel's aunt, Lady Buxley, her introduction to Count de Lussan, a man of questionable reputation, her refusal to cancel a dance at Lord Dunforth's command, Helen Capel's treachery in suppressing a note, her serious illness, her coming to America, where her father and mother soon died. She gives Brownie her jewels, including her engagement ring, coral cross and all other gifts from Lord Dunforth, and when she is gone she requests her to take the chain and key from her neck and wear it as long as she lives.

CHAPTER V. STAKED AND LOST.

THAT night Miss Mehetabel died suddenly of heart disease. How the next few days passed Brownie never knew, but it was all over at last.

There were no near relatives, only some distant cousins, and these, knowing they had no claim upon the old lady's money, did not deem it worth their while to come to the funeral. So Brownie and Aspasia, who had proved herself a real comfort in these days of trial, sat alone, excepting the servants and a few intimate acquaintances, in those great somber rooms, while those last sad words were spoken above the dead.

And then they carried her forth to her last long home, and laid her beside those other dear ones, who had been gone so many years.

It seemed to Brownie as if she were almost the only one living—as if all the world had died and were buried, when she returned to that great house in all its lonely splendor.

"Oh, Aspasia," she cried, throwing herself into Miss Huntington's arms, with her first wild burst of tears, "What shall I do? I have nobody in the world now to love me."

"Don't talk so, darling," she said, her own tears flowing in sympathy. "I love you better than anyone else in the world, and I will never forsake you."

She little knew how soon her words would be put to the test.

"I know you love me, dear, but you cannot stay with me; you will soon go home, where you have a fond father and mother, brothers and sisters, while I have none. I have no object in life, Aspasia, now that auntie is gone," and again the torrent of grief rushed forth.

Miss Huntington made her lie down, and soothed her as she would a child. With her own dainty hands she removed her boots, brought a soft pair of slippers and put them on, then bathed her head and worked over her until she grew calm again.

Their conversation was interrupted by a servant coming to tell them that Miss Douglas's presence was required in the library to listen to the reading of the will.

The summons made the poor girl's grief burst forth afresh.

"Oh, auntie, auntie!" she sobbed, "your money will be nothing to me without you—gold without love is worthless."

"You will go down with me, Aspasia," she said, holding out her hand to her friend as she arose to obey the request.

"Certainly, dear, if you wish," was the kind reply, and the two friends descended to the library, to find Miss Mehetabel's lawyer, the family doctor and a clergyman awaiting their appearance.

Brownie greeted them with a graceful inclination of her head, then seated herself to await their business.

Rev. Mr. Ashley approached and took her hand. "My dear Miss Douglas," he said, and his voice shook with sympathy as he looked into her sad face, "it was your aunt's request that her will be read immediately after the funeral ceremonies, and as our good friend, the doctor, and myself were witnesses to that document, we were invited to be present at the reading of it."

Brownie bowed. She could not speak, for the tears were choking her so.

What was wealth to her in her lonely condition. She knew everything was willing to her, for Miss Mehetabel had told her so, but her generous little heart recoiled from having so much, when there was no one but herself on whom to lavish it.

Mr. Conrad, the lawyer, that they were ready to listen.

He took up the legal-looking document from the table, near which he was sitting, and began to read.

Everything, as she had expected, was given to Brownie, excepting a legacy of five hundred dollars to each of the trusty servants, who had been with her so many years.

All the plate, the house, with its elegant furnishings, the stable, with its fine horses and carriages, were hers, and she was privileged to choose whom she liked to manage her affairs in the future.

There was a long silence after the lawyer ceased reading.

Brownie sat listless, and gazing absently out of the window, and feeling so strange and lonely,

as if some great burden had suddenly fallen upon her. "Ahem! ah—Miss Douglas—will you kindly give me your attention for a few moments?" asked Mr. Conrad, breaking in upon her reverie, and speaking with great embarrassment.

She started violently. "Yes, sir; I beg your pardon for seeming inattentive," she said, and the color leaped into her face for a moment.

She waited a few moments, but he seemed suddenly to have become as absent-minded as she had been.

She glanced at him, and was amazed at his appearance, while the doctor and Mr. Ashley exchanged wondering glances.

Mr. Conrad was an elderly man of about sixty; his hair was gray, and his face was wrinkled, but it was a noble face withal.

At this moment it seemed to be convulsed with pain.

His lips were drawn into a tight line across his teeth, and were almost livid, while the cords stood out hard and knotted upon his forehead, and the hand which held the will trembled visibly.

Brownie forgot herself instantly when she saw his evident suffering.

"Mr. Conrad, are you ill? Let me call Jones to get you something," she exclaimed, half rising to ring the bell.

"No, Miss Douglas, keep your seat. My illness is of the mind, not of the body," he replied, in tones of deepest pain.

Then, quickly rising, he went over and stood before her with bowed head and hands clinched as if he were struggling with some terrible emotion.

"Miss Brownie," he continued, speaking very gently and humbly, "I have a very humiliating confession to make. I pray you, when you have heard it, to judge me as kindly as you can, and whatever you do with me to meet the claims of justice, if you will only say on your own part that you forgive an old man, it will take the heaviest burden of my life from my heart."

She could not understand what this proud, self-reliant man, who for many years had had charge of all her aunt's affairs, could mean by speaking in this humble, broken way to her.

"You wonder at my words," he went on, "and yet you look trustfully upon me; but it will not be quite so when I tell you that I have betrayed that trust."

"Betrayed your trust?" she repeated.

"Yes, betrayed your trust, betrayed your aunt's trust, and played the villain of the deepest dye. Miss Douglas, I have made a beggar of you."

"Conrad, man, are you mad?" exclaimed Dr. Sargeant.

"Surely, my friend, you do not mean anything so bad as you have stated," said the kind-hearted clergyman in grave tones.

"A beggar!" cried Miss Huntington, she alone taking in the full sense of the word, and appalled at her friend's calamity.

"Did you understand me, Miss Douglas?" asked Mr. Conrad somewhat impatiently and wondering at her apathy, while he did not heed the questions of the others.

"Yes; you said I—I should not have my property," she replied, avoiding the harsh words he had used.

"Heavens! how indifferent you are; I said I had made you a beggar. Not a pauper in the streets has less than you will have when the debts are all paid," he cried, sinking into a chair by her side, the sweat rolling off his face.

"Yes, yes, I know what you mean," Brownie said, arousing herself when she saw how distressed he appeared, then added: "But, please, Mr. Conrad, do not look so—do not feel so badly about it. I know auntie trusted you fully, and I am sure it was something you could not help; I dare say I shall not mind it so very much when I get used to it," she concluded gently.

The stricken lawyer groaned aloud. He had been prepared for tears and sobs and censure; and here the noble girl was forgetting all her own wrong and striving to comfort him for his share in it.

"Dear Mr. Conrad, will you please explain this disagreeable affair to me? I see it is troubling you very much. I do not understand much about business, but I will listen attentively and try to comprehend," she said gently.

"God bless you, dear child, for your goodness to me," he said, taking her hand in one of his, while he wiped his moist brow with the other. "I do not deserve it from you. Yes, I will explain at once, and have this dreadful burden off my mind; it has nearly crushed me for years. You know, dear, that I have had the care of your aunt's property for the last forty years—in fact, nearly ever since she came to this city to live."

"Yes, sir."

"Well, for thirty years I was faithful to my trust. Had anyone told me then that today I should be a thief, I would have felled him to the ground and spurned him with my foot. Ten years ago a dear friend of mine died, leaving his only child in my care, together with a property of fifty thousand dollars. I invested it in what I believed to be a sound concern, but in less than a year it failed, and my friend's child was penniless."

"How sorry I am," was Brownie's simple comment, and deeply impressed in the lawyer's tale. He smiled bitterly, but clasping her hand more firmly, went on:

"I then did something which was not right, but which I thought must succeed, and everything would be all right again. I felt that I was entirely to blame for the loss of my ward's property, and that I was in duty bound to replace it. I had no ready funds of my own, but I knew that your aunt, with her vast wealth, would not I resolved to use it—speculate in what promised win back a portion at least of what I had lost for my ward. I staked it and lost!"

"Ah!" ejaculated the clergyman with a sorrowful shake of the head.

"Whew!" whistled the doctor.

"Horrid man!" breathed Miss Huntington under her breath.

But Brownie only nestled a step nearer the poor man's side.

"Driven desperate by this unfortunate circumstance," he went on, with a deep sigh, "I grew reckless, and invested a hundred thousand more of Miss Douglas's money, but again I lost. Then a bank where I had invested a very large amount of her funds suddenly suspended payment; but hoping that all would come out right by and by, I kept all knowledge of the difficulty from her. You know that the old lady loved the good things of this life, and was not at all careful of the dollars; and she need not have been, had I been faithful. But I continued to speculate with what ready money I could get hold of, and with her annual expenditure, her thousands have melted into hundreds; and today, when she thought you would inherit at least a million, I have to tell you, that if I pay the debts and the legacies to the servants, there will not remain sufficient to feed you for a year. I, who always prided myself upon my integrity and my incorruptibility, have forfeited my character for probity and honesty, and stand here before you a criminal worthy to suffer the extent of the law."

He paused for a moment, but as no one spoke, he continued:

"This is my confession; and now I surrender myself into your hands, to do with me as you will. I had no right whatever to touch a penny of your aunt's money. I was deeply distressed at the loss of my ward's property, but I ought to have stopped there. However, having once failed of success in using Miss Douglas's money, I kept on, hoping in my desperation, that some favorable turn in fortune's wheel would enable me to replace everything."

There was an awkward silence when the old man concluded.

Dr. Sargeant and Mr. Ashley were horror-struck at the revelation.

It had been deeply humiliating to the old and respected lawyer to make this confession in the presence of these witnesses, but the time had come when the state of affairs could no longer be concealed. The property was all gone, and Miss Douglas's death necessitated a settlement of some kind, and it would have to come out that her niece and reputed heiress was penniless. The house and everything would have to be sold to pay the outstanding debts, and she who had been cradled in the lap of luxury from her earliest infancy must now go forth into the cold world to buffet with its storms and bitterness alone.

Brownie's face was very grave as he concluded, and all but the lawyer were watching her anxiously to see how she would bear the news.

She began already to realize the care that had thus suddenly fallen upon her. She knew that henceforth she must work with her hands for the bread which she ate; and during the lawyer's story she had changed from the gay and light-hearted girl to the grave and thoughtful woman. But still her first thought was for others.

"I am so glad auntie did not know of this before she died," she said, her lips quivering as she uttered those last words.

Mr. Conrad looked up with an expression of bewilderment.

"It would have made her so unhappy, you know, on my account," Brownie explained.

"What will you do with me?" he asked wearily.

"What will I do with you, Mr. Conrad? I do not think I clearly understand what you mean," she answered, with a troubled expression on her sweet face.

"You know that the law takes care of people who do as I have done. The crime of embezzlement is no light one."

"Oh, dear Mr. Conrad, do not speak so! You meant to commit no crime; you only wished to right someone else's wrong. It was not, perhaps, just the right thing to do without auntie's knowledge, but I can do nothing with you, only—"

"Only?" the lawyer asked, raising his haggard face, and eagerly reading the lovely flushed one at his side.

"Only to be very, very sorry for you, my friend," she said softly and with a little quivering smile.

Mr. Conrad looked upon her as if she had been an angel—wonder, reverence, awe, all expressed upon his countenance. Then with a deep groan the strong man bowed his head and wept the bitterest tears he had ever shed in his life.

He could have borne to hear the felon's doom pronounced upon him with the face of a Stoic; but this sublime pity and forgiveness caused him to forget his manhood and made a child of him.

CHAPTER VI.

LOVE HAD CONQUERED PRIDE.

Dr. Sargeant now came forward, saying: "Miss Douglas, do you realize how serious this matter is? Have you considered what your position will be in the world henceforth?"

He did not like to have the lawyer escape so easily.

"I realize, doctor, that I am no longer an heiress to great wealth, as everyone has thus far supposed—that there is no longer a life of idleness and pleasure for me. On the contrary, I must go out into the world and work for my living."

Brownie replied, lifting her grave eyes to the doctor's face, while there was a touch of dignity in her manner which he had never seen before.

"Mr. Conrad," he said, turning to the lawyer, "this is a very grave matter. How do your own affairs stand?"

"Much the same as Miss Douglas's. I have nothing in the world except what I earn from day to day. If I had money of my own, do you suppose I would have touched any one's else's?"

he asked, a flash of indignation kindling and his fine form for a moment bent.

"Pardon me. No. But who is the yours?"

"Miss Emily Elliot."

"Where is she now?"

"In my own family. She has been her loss; I have provided for her every want by the labor of my own hands. I tend that she shall know of it while I am taken away it will have to come."

"And Miss Douglas," turning eagerly, "if you do not utterly hate me for what which I have brought upon you, will come to my home and let me provide of life for you? I can easily do that, one but my wife and Miss Elliot, and need will give me enough to support her fortably."

"It is well thought of, Mr. Conrad," Ashley approvingly.

"Oh, Mr. Ashley, and you, doctor, never know the suffering which this has brought upon me," Mr. Conrad called out, and pacing the floor nervously. "I thank an honorable man—I am an honorable heart now, but my zeal to do well by a child, my zeal that no one should be placed their interests in my keeping, led me to commit a wrong for which I can feel it had not been that others were depending on me, my life would have paid the debt."

"If that bank only had not failed," Miss Douglas might still have had some, but everything has seemed to be shattered. Miss Brownie," he added, turning to the sorrowful girl, "you have not yet answered my question. Will you come to me and take care of you?"

"No, dear friend; you have changed my mind and heart now, and I cannot be burdens."

"It will not. I pray you, give up the notion of doing this much toward the consequences of my wrong," he pleaded.

"My dear," interposed the clergyman, "I advise you, by all means, to accept Conrad's hospitality and protection. A young and not at all fitted to do her world. It will never do for you to support yourself; you are entirely incapable of the world."

"Mr. Ashley, there are hundreds of thousands, as young, and even more debilitated, who not only support themselves, but maintaining their father and mother and sisters," returned Brownie. "I am to be of finer clay than my unfortunate father? But they have been brought up to support Mr. Conrad."

"Some of them have and some have not," he said, "and, thank God, who have taken infinite pains with me, I have given me a good education, and, gentlemen, I am competent to take care of myself. I returned proudly, yet with a more confidence than she had worn since Miss Mehetabel's death."

In vain they pleaded and urged the clergyman and the doctor offered to take her, if she would not go with them. She remained firm, and they were admiration at the strength of character displayed.

"I will try for a while," she said, "bitterly disappointed Mr. Conrad was, I shall show where to come for help."

"You are not strong, you will wonder it," he said gloomily.

"I think not," was the cheerful reply. "I have always sympathized with the poor, and now I shall know by actual experience their life is."

"What will you do?" the lawyer asked, great tears rolled down his wrinkled face.

"I do not know yet; I shall battle that point a while."

Then, after a few minutes' thought, he said, "I shall battle that point a while."

"At all events, whatever I undertake, I promise you I will not refuse to offer me; and if I need a friend I shall know where to find him."

She held out her hand to the strong, winning smile, and again the strong, down, weeping like a child, and then dry eye in the room, excepting her own.

"What a foolish set we are!" cried the doctor, after a vigorous blowing of his nose. "This young lady shames us all. She will course she'll succeed, and I say God bless her, she is an honor to the name which she bears. After a few more remarks the doctor, their departure, and the two girls were alone."

"Brownie Douglas, you surely do not what you told Mr. Conrad," cried Miss Huntington the moment the doctor left them.

"I told him quite a number of things in particular do you refer?"

"Why, working for your own living?"

"Certainly, I meant it; there was no else for me to do."

"But Mr. Conrad offered to relieve all anxiety about your future. Why accept his offer?"

"I will never be dependent upon any myself," Brownie said haughtily.

"But you will lose caste."

"Perhaps; but I shall not lose my honor nor my self-respect," was the very decided reply.

"Your friends will forsake you."

"They are not worthy the name, and I regret, and the delicate red lips curled in a bitter scorn, yet there was the faintest quiver upon them and a wistful look in their beautiful eyes."

"Would Aspasia go with the rest?"

"Do you not care if you lose them?" asked eagerly.

"I have had many dear and kind ones, I have had many dear and kind ones."

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Mrs. WHEELER WILKINSON, CARE COMFORT, AUGUSTA, MAINE.

HERE were so many Christmas gift letters left over from December that it seemed advisable to use them this month. Perhaps it is a good idea, for there are long evenings during January and February that might profitably be spent in the making of gifts for next Christmas.

ember, sisters, that anything that has helped ill help someone else, so don't be afraid to try your suggestion, no matter how small and important it appears to you.—Ed.

CARTHAGE, R. R. 1, Mo.

Mrs. WILKINSON: I am very near saying "and COMFORT Sisters," I am afraid this won't get any further than your waste-basket so I'm pretending that I'm to you alone and then I won't be disappointed to see this in print. I've been thinking that it would be nice if everyone had the gift of writing letters, like Pearl Vase, but since I've thought it more I've decided that it would be terrible if they did for you would have such a time to decide which ones to print that you'd be a wreck. As it is, you can destroy some of our without a single pang.

Letting my little three-year-old girl wear coverings of the time. Did I hear you telling yourself our neighbors for you wouldn't gossip? "There's woman!" But really I don't think so for I do order to have more time to romp with her as the only child we have and would be lonesome to play with her. Her Daddy plays with her, he doesn't have as much time as I do. I iron rails but as they are not starched, gathered or they don't require much time.

you ever make dolls out of socks? I'll tell you make them. Get men's work socks, any color, sure they have white toes, heels and tops, one takes a doll and they are cheap if bought by the dozen. Cut the toes off both socks a little more half way back, measuring from the toe. One of a split half in two and sewed up for the arms. Then roll up to form sweater. Sew arms in place and features with yarn or silk thread and put his cap on. You have a lovely dolly. I make imitation but of yarn and also the yarn tightly around his neck necktie and also relieve the straightness. I the face to resemble a Kewpie but one can use all ideas on that.

Wilkinson, shall I tell you how my mind's picture looks? I see you as a medium-sized, middle-aged, motherly lady whose hair has begun to be grey (probably from reading so many letters) and as the kindest grey eyes one ever saw, and a fair complexion. How far from right am I?

believe in parents making pals of their children. Don't any mother, as she died when I was very but I intend to make up for it by being the very mother I can to my own dear little girl. Her sister Lorine Elinor. I enjoy the babies' pictures in the letters. I am not quite 21 years old and have married over four years.

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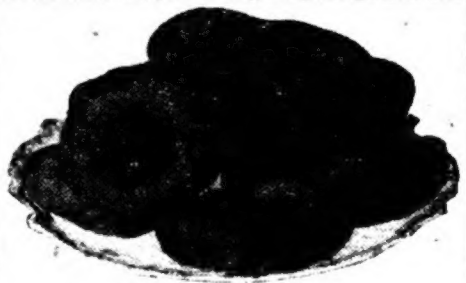
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Comfort Sisters' Recipes

MRS. CAROLINE RADFORD of Columbus, Nebraska, wins the COMFORT'S Sisters' Pin for the "best" recipe this month. The conditions of this prize contest have been explained in preceding numbers. We hope Mrs. Radford will enjoy her pin as much as we shall enjoy her chicken pie, and it isn't necessary to wait until a cold day to make one, either.—Ed.

CHICKEN PIE.—After a large chicken has been well cleaned and cut into pieces, put on to boil in cold water. Cook till it is almost done then add salt and pepper to taste. If not rich enough add a bit of butter. Make a thickening of one-half cup of flour and just enough cold water to stir to a cream. See that plenty of broth is in the kettle, add hot water if needed. Turn into a well-greased bread pan, after the thickening has been poured into the chicken to make a good gravy. Use one quart of flour, two-thirds teaspoon salt, two teaspoons baking powder and sift together. Add one-half cup lard and mix, with enough sweet milk or water to make a good biscuit dough. Roll almost an inch thick, cut in rounds and place on top of chicken, after seeing there is enough gravy to come to top of chicken. Bake in hot oven till biscuits are done. This is excellent on a cold day for dinner or supper, to be served hot.—Mrs. CAROLINE RADFORD, Columbus, West 13th St. Nebr.

SOFT MILK DOUGHNUTS.—Three even tablespoons of butter creamed with one cup of sugar. Add two well-beaten eggs and one cup of thick sour milk. Beat in four cups of flour sifted again with one-fourth teaspoon each of cinnamon and nutmeg, half a teaspoon of soda, and one-fourth teaspoon of salt, using enough more flour



SOFT MILK DOUGHNUTS.

to just handle. Care must be taken not to have the dough too stiff at first as each time of cutting the trimmings add a little more flour to the next ball of dough. Start with a very little dough at first, and cut them all before commencing to fry. Care must be taken not to have the fat smoking hot, but just hot enough for the dough to rise to the top at once.

SMOTHERED RABBIT.—Flour rabbit and fry to a light brown, add several slices of onion, four or five cloves, one teaspoon vinegar, a little salt and pepper and enough hot water to cover. Cook slowly in oven two hours.—Mrs. METTIE ALGOOD, Stony Fork, N. C.

SALMON LOAF.—One can of salmon, well shredded, add three cold biscuit that have been put through food

I would enjoy letters from the sisters and will try to answer all I receive. Mrs. Wilkinson, won't you please write to me so I will be spared the humiliation of confessing I didn't get a single letter. LYDIA HILTON.

Lydia.—If I didn't know that you'd get ever so many letters I would take time to write to you but you'll have enough letters without mine. So you like grey eyes? I do, too, but have had to worry along all these years with blue eyes, but I hope they are as kind as grey ones would have been. That's the way I feel, anyhow.—Ed.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

My DEAR MRS. WILKINSON: You asked for Christmas suggestions in the September COMFORT. As I have helped at large bazaars will give you an idea of a few things.

There are many beautiful things you can buy but I find that a home-made, inexpensive article, made by loving hands and with kind thoughts the best and most useful. There are many letters waiting so will shorten this as much as possible.

Lovely things can be made of unbleached muslin, dresses, aprons, luncheon sets, scarfs, sash curtains, etc. These can be trimmed with checked and plain gingham, applique, put on as is often shown in the needlework pages of COMFORT. See June number. Everyone uses towels and wash-cloths. Buy toweling, cut in towel size, scallop, and sew on colored rickrack braid, or crochet lace and sew on edges. Make wash-cloth to match towel.

Then there are painted articles; don't say you can't paint. The designs need are so simple. Buy a can of talcum powder, the ten-cent stores have a nice grade in a tall, well shaped can. Paint the can black and when dry put on a design in yellow, red, blue and green. These cans of paint can be gotten in any five and ten-cent store. I go to the large department stores and buy ten-cent articles in odd glassware, such as salt and pepper shakers, glass candlesticks, vases, dishes, plain white plates, etc. Paint them all black or just the rims. When dry put on a bright design. Also treat any tin box you have in your home the same way, make candy or cookies and fill the box. Anyone, young or old, will enjoy such a gift.

Black patent leather bags with painted designs or crocheted flowers are very pretty for the young girl. (See July COMFORT, pages 14-15.) Then for those who have plants to give away, paint the pot as is shown on page 17, September issue. Who wouldn't appreciate a plant, no matter how small. I know I would. Then for those who have lots of flower seeds, put some in an envelope and paint on it a design in water colors or paste a pretty floral card on it with some verse such as follows:

"Gaily they wave in the bright sunlight,
Gay flowers, red, blue and white,
May they bring a lot of happiness to you,
The long bright days, the summer through."

Can you imagine a sweeter gift than flowers all next summer?

Let the children make Christmas gifts, they enjoy it. My little girl of eight and one-half years can make kettle holders, calendars, work designs on dish towels, the designs I draw for her, and ever so many little things.

I am an old subscriber, as my last letter appeared about seven years ago and many will remember me as Mrs. M. C. B., but since then have added another letter to my name. Who says a second marriage isn't successful?

Before I forget, why not give a year's subscription to COMFORT as a Christmas gift. A better one could not be found. Mrs. M. C. B. G.

NATURAL BRIDGE, ALA.

DEAR SISTERS—AND BROTHERS: I do believe we are the most free-hearted set of women in the world to share our deliciously comfy corner with all those masculine "critters" who come buttin' in, even as I am doing, to air their opinions of men, maids and other things of little consequence. Oh, well, we are glad to have them to break the monotony.

I wish I could discuss the "care of babies" or "how to keep the boy on the farm," etc., but being steered by fate into a channel flowing swiftly toward the Sea of Spinsterhood, my talk will have to be on something light, to fit my mind.

"Dolls" are a good subject. How many of you make your kiddies' dolls and other toys? I have a hard-headed, rip-tearing, adorable kid for a niece, who is the life of the family and may be the death of it, but she has to have playthings just like nice, quiet children so on her first birthday (November 11, 1921) my sister made her a cunning black cat which is the delight of her life and it has withstood her "loving caresses" admirably. Cats are not dolls, however, and that, you know, was to be my subject. When everybody was crazy about unbleached domestic, making curtains, dresses, cushions and nearly everything out of it, I took the "nearly" out by making real stand-up dolls, with sure enough pull-off clothes and my! how the kiddies do love 'em. I cut my own pattern which took eight separate pieces of paper. The doll is in fifteen pieces. It takes all this to give dolly the perfect form that its little mother loves. When finished and stuffed I paint them. Oh horrors! But they learned it from us and they declare they don't fit to make any child happy without their complexion. Some of them want to be peroxide blondes, some henned vamps, and some

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FRIED EGG PLANT.—Peel egg plant, cut in slices one-third inch thick, soak in slightly salted water. Fry for fifteen minutes, dip in beaten egg, then in cracker-crumbs and fry in butter or olive oil until nicely browned. Serve with slices of lemon.

EGG PLANT FRITTERS.—Pare an egg plant and cut into dice, boil until soft, drain, add two well-beaten eggs, two slices of bread previously soaked in milk and season to suit taste. Drop large spoonfuls on well-greased griddle and fry until brown and crisp.

STUFFED EGG PLANT WITH NUT SAUCE.—Boil egg plant (entire) for fifteen minutes, then cut in two. When cool enough to handle, scoop out the pulp, being careful not to break the skin, season and add one tablespoon melted butter, one cup bread-crumbs, one well-beaten egg, one teaspoon of onion juice and a little salt. Mix well, fill the shells and bake until browned on top. For the nut sauce, add finely-chopped walnuts or pecans to white sauce.

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She had found the "other way" some one was inside!

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Tom Hamilton, born rich, dies poor, leaving two daughters, Gillian and Jacqueline, to the care of his father's housekeeper. Upon her death there is left forty pounds a year. Mr. Marchmont, in league with his butler, housekeeper and Lesard, buys Hamilton Place and is anxious to adopt both girls that he may gain admittance to the neighboring houses. Jacky refuses; she has no faith in him, and finding Gill in tears begs her not to stay if unwilling. Gill admits there was someone in London and he writes he cannot have her for his wife. She refuses to give his name. Three months later she wonders why Marchmont adopted her and wishes there had not been the burglary at Lord Hollis's. Lesard, in love with Jacky, will care for her. If alone she would marry him, but she must go to Gill, who is unhappy. Lesard warns her not to go—it is no place for any woman. He does not explain but asks her to trust him. Mrs. Gibbs, the housekeeper, engages a new maid, Mary James, who is Jacky in disguise. Gill confesses her fears that Marchmont is an impostor and cautions Jacky to avoid him, and Jacky knows Lesard is right. She remodels a velvet dress sewn with amethysts for Mrs. Gibbs, who tells Jacky she is to accompany Gill and Mr. Marchmont to Sir Simon Wellford's, where there is to be a grand party. Jacky, that night, hearing footsteps, and a whistle which reminds her of Lesard, listens, and with shoes in hand steals down the stair-case and spies three men. Marchmont, a stranger and Lesard, and hears from him, "here's luck to the ball." With his words, "Promise to trust me whatever happens," ringing in her ears, she gets Gill ready for the visit and at Lady Wellford's has a room next to Gill's. Sir Charles Vivian takes Gill into dinner. The masked ball follows and Gill smuggles Jacky in dressed in a white domino, where she recognizes Lesard in the guise of a monk and fails to make him reveal his identity, leaving her baffled. Following him and Gill in search of Jacky, they see the robbery and rather than make an outcry Gill admits he is her husband. With the guests at supper a robbery is committed. Mrs. Farnham's jewels, her grace's, too, are missing and only Gillian's jewel case left. Detectives arrive and Sir Charles Vivian's statements, as to his movements before the dinner, relieve him and Gill of suspicion. Requesting to see her maid and how she forgot the jewels, Gillian admits she was sick in bed and knew nothing about her not wearing them. The robbery breaks up the party, and Jacky, packing up, asks Gill what they are to do. It's done. If Gill tells all she knows she may find out Lesard is married before, and Jacky reads his last letter to Gill, and while loathing the man whom she believes has wronged both, she knows they are not strong and brave enough. Marchmont insists that Gillian shall appear at dinner and Jacky requests her not to ring, she is to sit with Mrs. Gibbs, and late in the evening she slips down-stairs, opens a door, standing behind it. She recognizes the voices of Lesard and Brookes and later the latter calls "All clear."

CHAPTER XI.

"I'LL HAVE NO MORE OF HIM."

IN her stocking feet the girl crept after the man she had loved. But as she drew aside the curtain that hid the entrance to the lighted hall a sudden terror came on her. She dared not cross the bare, brilliant space between her and the smoking-room door, dared not even stand where she was, for fear of meeting those mocking, leering eyes of Lesard's, as she had met them the night of the masked ball.

In wild panic, she ran back to her refuge under the stairs, to get her breath and think what she must do.

She felt certain that Lesard had come to carry away those stolen jewels; and she must, somehow, keep track of him.

It was useless to try to overhear anything at the smoking-room door, even if she dared cross the hall, where there was nothing to hide her.

What a fool she had been not to open the door earlier, and get under one of the huge lounges in the smoking-room! Yet if she had, the footman would have undone her work. Helpless, angry tears came into her eyes—were all her plans, her watching, to come to nothing?

A step, a flash of keen, white light, startled her. Someone, carrying a lantern, had entered the dark passage!

It was all three of them, Marchmont, Lesard, the butler; the pitiless rays of the acetylene lamp in Marchmont's hand seemed to be full on her. Surely they were not so mad as to go out in the dead of night with a light like that, with a detective from London they knew not where!

Her own safety lay in the very brightness of the light, that made impenetrably dark the shadow where she crouched. The men passed her, Lesard with his hands in his coat pocket. And at the outline of his figure in the piercing light Jacky caught her breath.

He was not taking away the jewels, but bringing them! She could see through his coat the bulging of the belt where he carried them.

Marchmont opened a door that led to the kitchens.

"Yes," he said, with smooth delight at his own daring, "I had the fellow to dinner! We talked of the robbery thoroughly. He is going to investigate every suspicious place in the neighborhood, for the inspector is certain the jewels never reached London. So I thought it was time for them to come here!"

The neighbors don't know about it—the place, I mean," asked Lesard, with a curious laugh.

"They? No! Tom Hamilton swore no one knew out of the family, and they had grown to think it a fairy-tale. But it isn't!" he laughed in his turn. "Come on, Lesard! You've got to be out of this before morning."

"Don't worry about me," calmly. "I can go out the other way, and take my time."

"In the dark?" sneeringly.

"Perhaps you'll tell me when it's ever daylight down there!" He hung back his head and laughed

as only Lesard could. At the low, rich note of it Marchmont raised a quick hand. "Do you want to wake that girl up-stairs?" he whispered angrily. "Come on!"

"The girl? Oh, no!" Jacky, kneeling in the shadow, saw his face harden savagely. "Go on, and show me your dog-hole."

He followed the other with his queer, noiseless step, that was so long and free. And as close at his heels as she dared came the girl who had loved him.

The passage went round sharp turns, it was easy enough to keep out of sight, but Lesard had good ears. She gathered her satin skirts to her knees that they might not rustle.

Where were they going? They had passed the deserted kitchen, the servants' hall; surely there was nowhere else! She paused and listened.

They had stopped just in front of her; she could hear them as they stood talking in whispers while a key grated in a lock.

The wine-cellar! Of course; there could be no safer place, since no one but the butler or his master ever went there.

"If I only knew what it was like ahead," she thought passionately. "I could go after them. But I might walk straight on to them. Even now if one of them turned back I'd be caught."

For there was nothing on each side of her but the bare stone walls of a long passage that slanted downwards to the door where the men were standing.

But an unmistakable sound gave her courage. A door swung back on creaky hinges, and then came the tread of men going down-stairs. The girl waited till the sounds ceased before she stole forward.

It was dark at the stairhead; far below she saw the sharp light of the lantern, and by that gleam crept her way down-stairs as far as she dared.

Suddenly the light brightened, spread out. She saw before her a huge cellar, running off apparently without limit. It was stone, damp and cold, full of casks and wine-bins; at the farther end, to which the men were making their leisurely way, she could see nothing but a dark wall. Yet it was to that dark, blank wall they were going, with never a glance behind them.

Jacky moved quickly to the shelter of a cask, her heart in her mouth at her own footsteps. Yet they must have been noiseless, for not even Lesard turned his head.

More wine-bins were plain now where the men had stopped. She saw Lesard stoop, and with an easy, effortless strength that was pretty to see, move a great bin bodily away from the wall. All three men disappeared behind it, and then came a silence full of quick, hard breathing, as if Lesard were working at something too heavy for him.

The dull thud of carefully-eased stone lowered on the stone floor startled her. If they were going to bury the jewels under that stone she might as well get away at once. Not Jacky Hamilton, nor the ten like her, could move that stone as they had done. She began to creep away, back to the stairs, a sudden vicious purpose of betraying Marchmont to the London detective making her quiver. Come what might, she would get Gillian safely away; get those wretched diamonds back to Mrs. Farnham.

But at the very stairfoot she stopped short. The great cellar was getting pitch-dark. The men carrying the light had gone—where? She turned sharply, and could see the place where they had stood only by a gleam that grew less each instant.

"I've got to see where they've gone!" she thought desperately, and without a care for her own danger, ran lightly across the cellar, just in time. For when she reached the wine-bin that had been moved the darkness was like the grave. Black, impenetrable, thick, it seemed like a solid wall, and the terror of it made the girl's heart thump.

Had they moved a stone from the floor or from the wall? She dared not take a step lest she should fall bodily into some dreadful depth through an opening in the floor. Kneeling down, she felt each inch of the floor round her; it was solid as bedrock. As she fumbled she struck her hand hard against a slab of stone that leaned against the wall; the next instant she laughed. For in front of her, in the wall, was the opening the stone had filled, and a damp, cold wind came from it to her burning cheeks.

With a terror of what she was going to do that shook her like a leaf, Jacky Hamilton crept into that black opening with nothing to guide her but her hand on a stone wall that was cold as death, slimy with festering mold.

Step by step, feeling the floor cautiously, not daring to take her hand from the cold, unnameable horror of the wall, she went forward.

She was in a passage which slanted steadily downward, but whether it was wide or narrow she could not tell.

A strange noise that she knew, yet could not name, reached her as she felt her way, sick with terror, yet her face hard-set and grim as Lesard's own. Nothing except death could stop Jacky Hamilton now—and death she would not think of lest her trembling knees should fail her utterly. And more insistent, closer. Suddenly she stopped, her head swimming, her spirit quailing in her for very horror.

The passage had taken a long curve; she was round it now and could see the light not fifty yards ahead; could see the three men standing round a heap of slimy stones in a curious round cellar. But it was not that which made her blood like ice in her body; not that which turned her faint. She knew that familiar, yet strange, noise, now.

For she could see that the passage down which she had come had but one wall, the one she had followed; and to that dark, slimy wall she owed

her life. The sloping, slippery footway was not three feet wide, and on the side away from the wall rolled an angry black stream. The roof sloped down to its other side, and she had been near to the brink of the black, wicked water time and again.

It took all her strength to turn her eyes from the fascination of the sullen, rolling stream; but turn them she must and did, for drowning was not the only peril that was at her elbow.

She was just in time. Marchmont had moved away some of the loose stones that lay so naturally on the rough-hewn stone floor of the queer place. Lesard, his coat unfastened, was laying his canvas belt into the hiding place left uncovered.

Life and determination came back with a leap to the girl looking on. If she were to get out alive she must go now; in a few minutes they would be on her. She paused one minute to see Marchmont stoop and take something from the canvas belt with a laugh that echoed above the rush of the dreadful water at her side. What he took she could not see, and she dared not wait another instant.

Clinging to the wall—that would have sickened her to touch could she have seen it!—step by step she crept back, in dread of the one slip that might send her dead body whirling past the men beyond. More dead than alive she gained the entrance to that awful passage. Her hand was bleeding, she could feel the hot, wet stickiness of it, and she wrapped it in her skirt that it should leave no telltale marks on casks or bins as she groped past them in her search for the cellar stairs in darkness that felt like a weight on her eyes.

Was she going straight? Would she ever find the stairs?

It was impossible to tell, since even a familiar room in utter darkness is a place to get lost in. Great drops were on her forehead as she blundered on her desperate way, her unburnt hand held out before her lest she should fall against a bin. She looked behind her in a voiceless agony that Marchmont might be coming with his light and see her circling round in the big cellar, dazed, at his mercy.

Thank Heaven, there was no light yet! Only a faint, faint gleam, a hum of angry voices. They were stopping to talk in that awful passage—and oh! whereabouts in that huge cellar was she?

As she watched the gleam, it brightened. Jacky drew her breath and caught her last courage to meet them—and what they might do. But even at that she would not give up. She stared round her into the pitiless gloom and could make out no sign of the stairway. As she stared she gave a frightened gasp. Did something flash in front of her, like a match suddenly lit and extinguished?—or was it a trick of her eyes in the unutterable blackness of the vault?

What it was she was too helpless to care. Nothing could be worse than to be caught like a rat in this dreadful place. With her last strength the girl gathered herself together and ran desperately to that half-seen gleam that had been gone on the very instant.

She blundered wildly against casks; twice all but fell; and each second she was aware that the light was growing behind her like a living thing that haunted her. The sound of men's feet echoing from the hidden passage was growing plain. Her breast rasped in her panting chest. There were only two things before her if she could not reach the stairway in time—to be caught, or to hide behind a cask while the men went away and be locked in to starve.

With a staggering run she moved on, she knew not where. Something caught her ankle, and she fell headlong on the floor. For a moment she could not move. Then she almost screamed with fear.

A hand, a human hand, was on her arm, dragging her to her feet; a voice was whispering in her ear; and the light behind was brightening till in a moment it would be on her.

"Quick, quick!" said the voice sharply, yet low with caution, and Jacky felt herself pulled to the stair.

Oh, if she only knew whose fingers were on her arm! Her heart seemed to die in her breast. "Come," said a voice she had not known at first, so hoarse and changed was it with terror, "be quick! We must get up before them."

"Gill!" Relief made Jacky suddenly weak; she sank down where she was, a few steps up the stairs.

"Yes. Come on, hurry! They will hear us." As she stooped and put her arms around Jacky her whole body trembled with the hard drawing of her breath. But her very presence gave the younger sister new strength. Hand in hand they stole up the stairs, not daring to whisper, even for the light was following them. Alas! it only made the gloom in front of them more hopeless!

Gill looked ahead at the gleam at the foot of the stairs; then forward, and was staggered at the darkness, the unfamiliar passages that lay ahead of them.

"I've a candle," she breathed, "but I daren't light it. They're too near."

For there were footsteps on the stairs now; at the head, where they stood, the lantern light all but reached them, like a long, malicious finger pointing to its prey.

Desperate, the girls fled along the passages, and darted into the first open doorway they could feel. On their knees they crouched.

Jacky caught Gillian's hand hard as they listened. There were only two pairs of footsteps approaching. Neither of them was Lesard's. Where sheltering door and drew back swiftly. Marchmont suspect anything? Or were they only wait-

The servant's oddly well-bred role to the listeners.

"I tell you I don't trust him!" was not by a long way. What made you out the other way? It was mad. He lantern angrily, so that Jacky trembled, scrap of Gillian's skirt might show a head to look.

Marchmont's answer came clear to her turned, significantly. "There'd be no what else are you afraid of?"

"Well, you're a cold-blooded devil!" voice came, after a pause. "But you—He won't make any mistake; he can fish."

"Then what ails you?" "I tell you I don't trust him!" What vent his going off with the whole nighting back that way some night and didn't like his manner too. He was too reckless and high and mighty."

"Tell me how to do without him?" The master's accent was as precise as just as his toilet was utterly unbecoming expedition, while Brooks was a slime and dust—but it changed the brutality that startled all three.

"You talk nonsense about getting away," he said slowly. "Not even large it. And as for taking the stuff, know too much for Lesard—or your games. Do you understand?"

The lantern shook in the man's hand. "I know," he said sulkily; "I do. See that you don't, then!" he moved on.

As their footsteps died away he turned to each other in the dark.

"What does he mean by the other?" "I know," he said sulkily; "I do. See that you don't, then!" he moved on.

"I was afraid, Gill!" "You were right," she said, shaking grimly. "But yet—I fought for you!" "You saved me!" shame hot on her face, Gill, forgive me!"

Gillian took her hand, gropingly. "You need never be afraid any more," quietly. Something came over her as I saw his face, and saw you creep the stairs and follow him. I felt as if following a leopard that had no sense."

"Where were you?" in sharp surprise. "At the head of the back stairs, and you weren't in your room. I was little things in this house may mean I went to look for you. I was at head of those stairs just round the when they came from the hall."

They couldn't see me, but I looked on them and you. I heard Marchmont if he wanted to wake the girl up, saw his face when he answered her, was a devil's face. I know now that loved me; he must have married me reason that Marchmont adopted me for a cat's paw. And Marchmont was too much and he was afraid to take he dropped me. And he was a wicked woman for him to make me a hard little laugh that made me "Don't shrink like that! I'm done!" she finished sharply.

"Then you'll help?" incoherently. "I'll do anything but have it ever was ever his wife. I'll never be know I'm Gillian Lesard."

The name came like a shock to Jacky to make everything so pitilessly in Lesard! The sister who was so close had one day written out her own fate, with red cheeks, to see if she look—"Jacqueline Lesard." The made her sick with shame.

"Gill, light a light; come up-stairs, peremptorily. "They must be now."

"I'm afraid. He may be anywhere." "No, he's gone. I'll tell you where from this. It is not safe here. Mrs. go to look for me to see if I did was her turn now to draw Gillian. By the light of the matches Jacky one by one, they reached their own Not a mouse stirred in the wainscot their noiseless way, yet neither girl in the house was sure that unseen eyes were

them. Once in Gillian's room, with the lamp and fire glowing, Jacky drew chair.

"Go on," she said, "how far did to go on. I knew if I struck a dropped it they would know they were all lowed, and I thought they were all bin, with the light out, and that you to follow them."

She stopped and stared at sister's hands and black gown, filthy slime, dark with dried blood.

"How did you hurt your hand—where been?" she cried.

"Where they put the jewels!" Jacky her hand and held its palm upward, as

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WHAT TO DO WITH LEFT-OVERS



NEW ENGLAND BOILED DINNER

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MOST people who have ever lived in a boarding school, college, or other institution of training, or have eaten regularly in a large mealing place, will agree that no matter how good the food, the serving of certain portions of the week soon becomes monotonous and causes the appetite to flag. On the other hand, this routine is difficult to break where large amounts are freshly cooked meal.

After a short time after leaving home the regular is very acceptable, and the letters home will say: "The table is great," "The state of affairs will continue some when along comes a letter saying: 'The been poor of late, and I'm getting so I take a look at cold tongue and prunes. The cook is on a strike.'"

The chances are that the quality of food cooking are unchanged. It is also probable the variety of not large, and how good, the soon becomes to the appetite of fare surprises such as possible from year-roast, or from bits and com of food that pear where the to be fed is. The taste range just as do and mind.



APPLE SHORTCAKE.

boys and girls me it is not long before they begin to why they never seem to experience the anticipation and relish for food that they and they close their eyes to dream of things to eat way back home. Young not always realize that it is mother's in making tasty dishes from whatever there is on hand that makes them eat so d keeps their appetites so keen.

Housewives know that when meal time ey will be greeted by a hungry lot who the platter clean."

Made-Over Dishes

se this is the season when the limited f fresh fruits, vegetables and eggs gives ewife more planning to do, it seems a e time to talk about making remnants of ood into new dishes. The following have ed and found to be excellent ways of he large and small amounts of leftover

ED VEAL.—Chop two cups of cold roast h one-half cup of firm tomato pulp. Soak espoons of granulated gelatin in one-half old water ten minutes, then dissolve in three-fourths cup of boiling water. Add

th cup n juice. little tin into bread when as place slice of ear each ver with the gelid when ffens ver the xture in a lequet

h even layer. Cover with the remainder elatin and set in a cool place.

AND MASHED POTATO.—Pick into fine y cold fish; season with salt, melted buty salt, paprika and a little lemon juice. ook for bottom of a greased deep dish spread a mashed potato, then the prepared fish. ith more potato, sprinkle with grated d fine cracker-crumbs, add a few spoon-ilk or cream and bake twenty minutes ed to eat oven.

KEN AND RICE.—Pick all the meat from mains of a roast chicken. Break up the cover with cold water and simmer one Strain and cook down to about one cup- spoon of dry flour and gradually add the broth. Season. In a baking dish put al- layers of boiled rice and chicken, cover e cup of stewed tomato and pour over the ed broth. Cover and bake forty minutes derate oven. A few leftover carrots, on- peas may be added to the chicken and

en HAM WITH CRUMBS.—One cup of fine, ead-crumbs and one cup of milk slowly

at to a d stirred eamy. Add The one- tespoons y water- ter, one- tespoon ard, a lit- er, one cup ed boiled d a little loss the salt. Beat ven fold in e of one aten stiff. For me- to a but- lah, set in e of the- ater and e moder- about 25

AN excellent way to use scraps of ham. HASH.—One and one-half cup of chopped eef, one and one-half cup of chopped raw one-half cup of thick gravy, two table- of tomato catsup, one teaspoon of minced and salt to taste. Mix and turn into a baking dish and bake in a moderate oven

AKES AND BACON.—Chop cold cooked ether lamb, chicken or beef. To each cup e-half cup of cold boiled rice, granulated or hominy. Cold corn-meal mush is also Mix and season with one tablespoon of butter, a little pepper, and salt unless eat and cereal are already salted. A pinch ltry dressing may be added. Add just

enough gravy to hold the meat and cereal to- gether if any additional moisture is necessary. Make into small round cakes about half an inch thick. Wrap in thin strips of bacon and fasten with wooden toothpicks or tie with a clean white string. Bake in a hot oven until the bacon is brown, turning the cakes once.

SCALLOPED PORK AND MUSH.—Chop cold roast pork quite fine and place in a deep baking dish in alternate layers with corn-meal mush, sprinkling each layer of pork with a small pinch of ground sage and a little salt and pepper. Have the top layer of mush. Add roast pork gravy. Many like this dish with a little stewed tomato added to each layer. Bake in a moderate oven one hour.

SCALLOPED HOMINY.—Put an inch layer of cold boiled hominy into a baking dish, sprinkle with grated cheese and season with salt, paprika, and a tiny pinch of mustard, or the mustard may be omitted. Repeat until the hominy is used, then pour over the top one cup of white sauce. Bake 35 minutes in a hot oven.

HOMINY AND TOMATOES.—Cook one cup of hominy two hours and pour into a deep baking dish. Pour over the top about an inch layer of tomato that has been strained and cooked down about one-half. Sprinkle with cheese and butter, salt and paprika and bake 30 minutes in a fairly hot oven.

RICE.—Leftover boiled rice mixed with white sauce and beaten up with grated cheese may be baked until brown and served with cold meat.

BAKED BEAN SALAD.—Two cups of cold baked beans which have been

cooked until the juice is quite thick. Mix with one tablespoon of scraped onion, two tablespoons of chopped sour pickle, one-half cup of crisp shredded cabbage. Season with salt and pepper and pour two tablespoons of salad oil over the top.

BAKED BEAN LOAF.—Two cups of cold baked beans put through the potato masher. Add one cup of fine bread-crumbs, two or more cold boiled onions mashed, one-fourth cup of thick stewed tomato, salt and pepper, and one well-beaten egg. Stir well together, press into a baking dish, lay slices of bacon over the top and bake one hour in a moderate oven. A little cold carrot or beet may be added to the loaf.

VEGETABLE PIE.—Prepare the boiled dinner vegetables the same as for hash and fill a deep baking dish about three-fourths full. Add a few tablespoons from the "top-of-the-pot" to moisten, or a little beef gravy you may have on hand. Cover with a rich biscuit dough a little less than an inch thick. Bake in a hot oven until the crust is thoroughly baked. Serve with apple sauce.

GRAVY FOR LEFTOVER MEATS.—Slice two small onions, add two sprigs of parsley, half a bay leaf and the leaves from a piece of celery. Cover with water and boil one hour. Strain. Add

about one-fourth teaspoon of prepared table mustard and one table- spoon of meat fat. Put one tablespoon of meat fat in a saucepan and when it bubbles smooth in one tablespoon of flour. Cook one minute while stirring, then add the liquor and cook five minutes.

Possibilities in Small Amounts

It is often a mistake to continue serving a left- over until the eye as well as the taste refuses to be attracted by it. This may apply to a dish of cold meat that has been sliced, and through continuous efforts to get it eaten had time to dry and curl. Or it may be pieces of dried cake, broken and covered with loose crumbs. A little stale apple sauce making its appearance until everyone shuns it is likely to cause some member of the family to "sour" on apple sauce for years to come. Fish should always be made into a palatable dish and finished on the second day. It may not become tainted by the third day, but it will develop a "fishy" odor that is apt to re- sult in turning the family against this valuable food.

The "don'ts" are endless regarding the use of stale food, but perhaps the most serious objection to such practice is that it reduces the variety of foods the housewife can serve and be sure of getting eaten. There are endless ways of using

cold meat. Left- over slices should be reheated in gravy, chopped for hash or made into a scallop. For families who eat too heavily of meat, these dishes made from meat and vege- tables combined have an advan- tage outside us- ing the leftovers. Dried cake is made into a "bread" pudding with very little labor, and with a bit of inventive- ness a new dessert is the result. Add that cup of stale apple sauce to your meat or fish stuffing and then "taste and see." Pick your cold fish into bits and reheat in the egg sauce, or lacking the egg use it in a cracker and milk scallop on fish- cakes. If the family seems to be slighting the fish-cakes, next time try adding a little chopped boiled beet as this makes it into a new dish.

Bits of dried cheese should be soaked in a little cream, then beaten into a paste flavored with salt, paprika, and a pinch of mustard. Or it may be softened with mayonnaise. Serve on toasted crackers or fill the grooves of tender stalks of celery.

All the cold vegetables make into delicious sal-

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THERE IS something enticing, something strangely enchant- ing in the delicacy of these wafers. To taste one is to make the second quite irresistible.

Whatever the occasion, show the daintiness of your taste by serving Anola, Harlequin, Ramona and Nabisco Sugar Wafers at your table. There is nothing more delicious or more exquisitely dainty that you can serve your guests.

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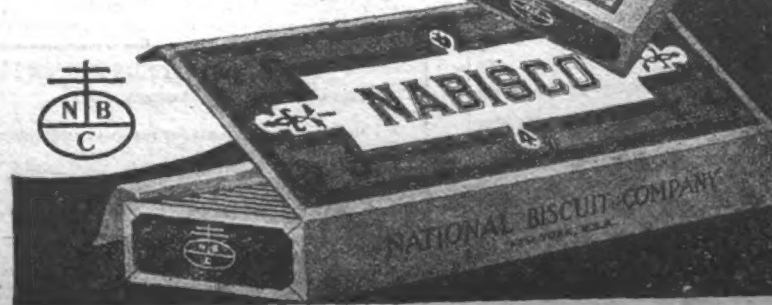
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Cubby Bear's New Year Calls

By Lena B. Ellingwood

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"W"AKE up, Cubby Bear! The old year is ending!" said Mamma Bruin. The words reached Cubby's mind dimly, through his sound winter sleep. He stirred, opened one eye drowsily, and would have been fast asleep again in another instant, had not Mamma Bruin gently shaken him. "Is the New Year coming?" he asked. "I am glad," And he crawled out of bed and stretched his drowsy limbs. In the fall, when the time for their winter sleep was near, Cubby had heard Wise Owl and Redtop Woodpecker talking about New Year calls, and had said to Mamma Bruin: "Why must we always be asleep when the New Year begins? I have never, never made any New Year calls! How could I manage to wake when the old year is ending?" "Why, if you care so much about it, Cubby Bear, I will call you," promised Mamma Bruin. "If I set my mind on waking at a certain time, I always do it. But you must promise me to go back to bed and to sleep as soon as your calls are ended."

"Oh, yes; I promise," agreed Cubby Bear. "And, Mamma Bruin, I have thought of the loveliest plan—but I could not do it without your help."

"What is it?" "I would like to take a plum pudding to each place where I call. Little round, brown plum puddings," he explained, with shining eyes, "each with a pretty pine-tassel stuck in the top! Could I?" "Yes," said Mamma Bruin. "I will help you."

And now the time had come. Mamma Bruin had a brisk fire started, and Cubby held out his little dark paws to the cheery blaze. He felt rather heavy and stupid, much more like going back to his little bed than making calls. Mamma Bruin was mixing the puddings. "You must bring in some snow, and melt it in the kettle," she told Cubby, "so we can boil the puddings."

They spent the rest of the night in the warm little kitchen, putting wood on the fire to keep the kettle boiling, and telling stories to keep themselves awake.

Then, when the little round, brown puddings were done, they put each one into a birchbark cup, stuck a pine-tassel in the top, and placed them carefully in a basket. Such a festive sight! They had made one extra one, and this they broke in two, and each ate half.

"They taste as good as they look," decided Mamma Bruin. "Now, Cubby, a Happy New Year to you!"

So saying, she went gladly back to finish her long sleep.

Cubby put on his best necktie, green, with yellow and purple spots, his red earmuffs and mittens to keep him warm, and, carefully carrying the basket which held the puddings, started out in the grayness of the winter morning to make his New Year calls.

"I am afraid I have started too early," he thought. "I will call on Mr. Wise Owl first. He stays up at night, and perhaps he has not gone to bed yet for the day."

To Mr. Wise Owl's hollow tree he went, and knocked.

Soon a gray ear and large eye appeared. Then Wise Owl hurried forth.

"Who-who!" he cried, with pleasure and surprise in his voice. "Whoever thought of seeing you out today?"

"I have come," said Cubby Bear politely, "to make a call, to wish you a Happy New Year, and to give you one of my fat little puddings."

"This is kind, indeed!" said Wise Owl, as he shook Cubby's paw. "If you will excuse me, I will eat a little of the pudding now. It is a hard winter, and food is not too plentiful. I will hang the pine-tassel on my wall, where it will remind me of you."

After talking with Wise Owl a while, Cubby started on again. By this time the world looked more cheerful, for the bright sun was just lifting his smiling face above the mountain.

Wading along through the snow, he heard a loud tap, tap, tapping on the bark of a tree.

"Someone else must be making New Year calls," thought Cubby. Then he spied Redtop Woodpecker, and called to him, "Whom are you calling on, Redtop?"

"Nobody," answered the bird, and came fluttering down to where Cubby stood. "I am trying to find some worms to eat."

"I can give you something better than worms for a New Year's feast," Cubby told him. "See if you can find Billy Bluejay anywhere around. I will wait here for you." Cubby stamped around to keep his feet warm while he waited.

your share, for I am hungry!"

Cubby watched them happily as they ate.

"I will go to Bunny Rabbit's next," he decided.

Bunny Rabbit, delighted to see Cubby Bear, invited him in. Cubby took one pudding into the house, leaving the others, in the basket, on the

sniffed.

"It will make us a fine New Year's feast," Bunny said.

When his call was ended, Cubby

door.

The basket had disappeared! Not one fat, round, brown little

left!

Cubby sat down suddenly on the

quite weak.

"Where—where have they gone?"

Bunny looked at him with pitying

"Foxy Reynard," he said solemnly,

does all the mischief."

"Yes," burst out Cubby, beginning

gry. "Yes! No one else in our place

could be so mean. Always, always,

"Find Foxy, and you will find

went on Bunny Rabbit; "that is, if he

ready eaten them, Foxy is lank these

I suspect he does not find much to

"I will find him," declared Cubby.

As he turned the corner of Bunny

met Busy Beaver and Brother Binney.

They greeted him with, "Well, we

the trouble with you, Cubby Bear?"

"Foxy has stolen my New Year pudd-

am looking for him," said Cubby short-

ried on.

The Beaver brothers chuckled, and

thought very impolite.

"Wait!" called Busy Beaver. "We

you."

"Yes," said Brother Binney. "You

and I will soon catch up with you."

"Have you seen Foxy yet?" he asked

joined them, a little later.

"Not yet," answered Busy Beaver.

The two brothers seemed to find a

laugh about as they went on together,

hurried along soberly.

"I wouldn't go any farther if I was

Bear!" called out Billy Bluejay sud-

"Why not?" asked Cubby rather

temper had been sorely tried.

"You will find no tracks around

know, for I have been past there

snow fell last night, so you see he

out today."

"Then who did take the puddings?"

"Go back to Bunny Rabbit's house

find them where you left them—on

"But they were not there when I

"I am not fooling you," said Billy

will go with you."

Sure enough, when they came to

house again, there was the basket

with every little fat, round, brown

safe and sound. Not even a

missing.

The Beaver brothers chuckled

said, "Good by, Cubby Bear! A

to you!" and ran off together.

"It was only the Beavers' little

Billy. "I saw them when they did

did not want to spoil their fun—

would give it back to you."

"Then Foxy did not take it after

Cubby. "Poor Foxy! I am sorry

kind things about him when he did

them. You say there are no tracks

den. Then perhaps he has had to

know what I will do." And, taking

he started off.

"What are you going to do?" asked

jay, hopping along after him.

"Make a New Year call on Foxy, he

him as I know how to be, and

pudding."

Reaching Foxy's den, Cubby

"Who is there?" he heard Foxy's

"It is I, Cubby Bear!"

"Open the door, and come in," said

So Cubby went in. There was

his bed, and looking very unhappy.

"I have sprained my leg, and can-

Foxy. "I have not been out for

am very hungry."

"Oh, I am sorry," Cubby told

come to make a call, and wish you a

Year. And see—I have brought you

ful, fat, round, brown little puddings

and with pine-tassels sticking in their

How Foxy's hungry eyes shone!

And how gratefully he thanked

kindness!

And as Cubby Bear trudged home

the snow, swinging his empty basket,

glow he felt in his heart, even though

January winds were blowing!



HARRISON CADDY

"I HAVE COME," SAID CUBBY, "TO MAKE A CALL, TO WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND TO GIVE YOU ONE OF MY FAT LITTLE PUDDINGS."

When Redtop came flying back, both Billy Bluejay and little Chickadee Chirrup were with him.

"How do you do?" asked Cubby, bowing in his best manner. "I have come to make a call, to wish you all a Happy New Year, and to give you one of my fat little puddings."

"Oh, thank you," said Bunny Rabbit.

"Oh, thank you," echoed the Bunny Babies, and all stared at the pudding longingly, their eyes big

"Oh, beautiful!" cried Billy Bluejay. "Hurry up, you Redtop and Dee-dee, if you want to get

doorstep.

"I have come," said Cubby, "to make a call, to wish you a Happy New Year, and to give you one of my fat little puddings."

"Oh, thank you," said Bunny Rabbit.

"Oh, thank you," echoed the Bunny Babies, and all stared at the pudding longingly, their eyes big

and round, their little pink noses wiggling as they

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We are as old as our doubts.

Nature's music is the most sweet.

Gentleness is an overcoming force.

Our lives are built out of our days.

Time teaches more than our libraries.

It takes courage to know how to forgive.

To judge life meanly is to mistrust God.

We love those who are loved by children.

To the young the heavens are always blue.

We say: Life is short—and go on waiting.

Get your tools ready and God will find the way.

The first stumble should warn us of future falls.

Learn to forget easily the things not worth remembering.

We often waste valuable moments in anticipation of ones.

Be honest with the world if you would be young.

We cannot all be great, but we can all be sincere.

The keenest talent, the greatest genius, without labor.

That all life is one, is the great and simple truth.

No man can raise himself above the higher which he believes.

Associate reverently and as much as possible with loftiest thoughts.

A man who can find no satisfaction in himself, find it elsewhere.

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Nothing except ourselves can force us to make a second time.

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A New Year!—new days, new thoughts, new beginnings, for all of us! Our faces turn toward 1923 with few glances backward at the discarded twelve months. Man is an eternal Looker Forward, and Youth, with all the more before it, gazes the farthest and the most eagerly into the beckoning future. "Well, we'll see what 1923 has in store for us," is what we find it easiest to think and say.

We say this, most of us, because we are filled with the pleasant illusion that the year may bring us something or all that we crave—wealth, love, happiness, peace, and other bright gifts. But when we think more deeply, we find that these good things are not in the keeping of this or any other year, that we ourselves can be the only bringers of these joyful qualifications of life. It is in us that the future lies and that the past will be. We are the makers of every one of our sorrows and joys; the builders of our own dreams and achievements; the destroyers of our hopes, and the tracers-down of our own half-begun houses of life.

In all the busy, complex and external ways in which we live today, it is too easy and seems almost necessary to fall into ways of thinking in which we look to external and future things to give us what we seek. We have not found what we desire in the past years, and so we look to see each new year lay gifts at our feet. But if we think thus, we look in vain; not gifts, but renewed illusions is what the New Year is pretty certain to bring us. Instead of gifts laid at our waiting feet, it is disappointments which probably will be treading on our toes—already sore from other past crushing of events.

For in the many or few years put behind us, if we have not builded within us the qualities that make for happiness, we will look vainly for a Happy New Year. We must bring what we ask and hope for. If it is friends we seek, the year cannot give them unless we have learned to be friendly to others. If it is love we desire, we must have learned to love and to make ourselves worth loving. If it is joy we wish, we must have found how to be bringers of joy to others and how to live with the corners of our lips turned up. And finally, if it is wealth we want—that ever-sought Pot of Gold at the foot of Life's Rainbow—then we must have been somehow taught the hardest lesson of all: that gain comes best by giving, and that riches are too dearly bought if they are won by the impoverishment of the heart.

These are all but suggestions of laws dealing with the inner life of man—his only real life. They form no part of the materialist's creed of success. They do not seem as real in return as the crashing, cashing life of trade or the noisy many-footed search for pleasure which is trampling down the world. Yet they are inklings of the surest, truest laws and gleams of the only realities—the more substantial because they are not a structure of conduct built by man, but one that was builded for him. In their simple completeness these laws underlie all else. They are the key to every system of religion. They will see mountains wear away and seas retire through all New Years, for they are the laws of the Government of God which must finally be the government of our creation.

For man is here to make his world; it never makes him. Out of the heart of man are all the issues of life—and by "heart" I mean his inner laws of impulse and feeling. It is this inner life which must be builded, guarded and fed if we are to have any Happy New Years—or anything else which is enduringly happy.

Although in my best moments these simple truths, of which I speak but parts, seem so simple and true to me, I know they too easily seem foolishness to others, a delay and a stumbling-block to what is termed success as the world lives. Youth, looking eagerly ahead and seldom within, pushes such thoughts carelessly aside. Age, having failed to find or understand them, believes the following of new paths too late or too seemingly impossible.

But in watching life around us, in reading the columns of our crime- and horror-filled newspapers, we can see examples of how these laws of the heart of man work out. Before us is the evidence of how any destruction or emptiness of the inner life finds a sure following of an outer destruction, of a crumbling to sorrow, suffering and death of all those things which have been piled up as possessions or of the fame given by men. A man's life may have for years made a fine and showy seeming before the world, but an inner emptiness and rot have been increasing—and suddenly the great fall comes, or perhaps the slow decay of unhappiness goes on. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," which means that as he thinks within, so will his future be and the lines of his life be for good or for evil. We make our new and old years. We must take thought to make them right.

So in all this I want you to know that when you look forward to 1923, you must look within also. All the prosperity and happiness we can ask of the New Year we can only make within ourselves and only receive the gifts we have made ourselves ready for receiving. As we have, so it may be given to us. A Happy New Year will surely come to happy full hearts, and to this sort of heart only. The most prosperous New Year will be theirs only whose wishes are sincerely for the prosperity of others and not for themselves. These are the things I believe. I want you to believe them, too. It is hard doctrine, perhaps; but, oh, so true when put in practice. Try it and find out! As for our Happy Bunch, I know many of "em are already proving how these things work out in daily living. To others we can say: Come and see and be happy with us—this year and every future one!

Let's all work for a Happy New Year and a Happy Heart. Let's look for Love and not for Luck to work wonders. Let's all turn to 1923 with a smile and an outstretched hand. And the Young and Friendly Year will smile back, take our hand, and give us more than we have hoped or asked.

Bill says his idea of a happy New Year would be a mild January when he could throw every liniment bottle out of the window and walk on four legs and not three. That three inches of snow we had last week put a crimp and a limp in Bill's holidays. I am going to make him read twice over what I have written here. I know he needs it and that some lessons are better than liniment for lame hearts and legs.

And now for the letters:

UNION, SOUTH CAROLINA.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

Some time ago you made the statement that romance does not exist in real life and this letter is being written to prove it, and that you, Uncle Lisha, are responsible for some of it. Anyway you were for ours. Perhaps you and some of the cousins remember Ruth Miller, R. F. D. 2, Asheboro, N. C., whose letter was printed in our department of COMFORT, July, 1921. After it was published, letters and letters and letters were sent to the above address, so many they could not be answered. But there was one, from a rural mail carrier in Michigan, that seemed different from the others. The letter was answered and Uncle Sam's postal employees between Michigan and North Carolina were kept pretty busy handling letters after that. The result is that he secured a transfer from rural carrier in Coldwater, Michigan, to postal clerk in Union, South Carolina,—all for the sake of one little southern girl. And that's all, except that August 23, 1922, the North and South, as represented by a northern man and a southern girl, were again united. You have been a fairy godmother—or rather godfather—to us, Uncle Lisha, for you brought us together, and we wanted you to know how happy you have made two COMFORT readers. You have the heartfelt gratitude, highest esteem, and the very best of all good wishes of

Your loving nephew and niece,
MR. AND MRS. CARROLL I. CHASE.

Talk about laughing and cooling, Carroll and Ruth, I certainly gurgled with joy when I read your letter and found that COMFORT and I had a share in building your happiness and making you something nearer and dearer than cousins. Yep, there is a lot of romance in real life that never gets into the movies or between the covers of "best sellers." And a good thing for us it is that this is so and that we do not have to take our dreams second-hand. But there is a little of magic about romance—you must believe in it if it is to happen. Here, as in all things, faith counts for much. Ruth, I'll wager there was a good streak of romance in your heart when you wrote your letter to COMFORT and when you read the replies—and the one that "seemed different." And Carroll felt the same when he sent his letter to you and romance radios commenced to vibrate from Michigan to South Carolina. And now it has all come true! What more appropriate place for such a Union than your town, Ruth?

I'm writing this with every hope for your deepest, dearest and most enduring happiness, and with thanks for your own kind wishes and the proof you send that romance is just as real as we make it and just as enduring as life. Carroll and Ruth, I'm a happy fairy godpate this day, believe me.

MT. PLEASANT, 805 N. LINCOLN ST., IOWA.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

I wonder if any of the cousins can give me the words of the poem, "In the Land of Beginning Again"? The first verse is:

"I wish there were some beautiful place
Called the Land of Beginning Again,
Where all our mistakes, and all our heartaches
And all our poor foolish pain
Might be dropped like a shaggy old cloak at the door—
And never put on again."

Sincerely, ALICE LYNELOD.

Alice, it is no wonder you are interested in the Land of Beginning Again. That would be a country worth finding. No Central Africa, farthest North or uncharted Antarctic would offer such charms and rewards to the explorer. Not only poets, but oodles and oodles of quite ordinary folks have tried their hands at this discovery game in vain. The best that remains is but to write about the fair, far, unattainable domain.

No, Alice, we can never turn back the hands on the Clock of Life. We cannot start our Life's day over again. We are pitifully unable to interfere with the beginnings we may have made on the hours of Time's allotment. I fear the only things we sometimes start over again are our old mistakes—for we are such sorry learners and rememberers! And so we must be careful to begin as right as possible, that we may have the less sad wishes later on, the less of seeking for unfindable turnings back. When dreams go aground they are too fragile for much worthwhile salvaging.

Alice, a poem like the one you quote is sure to be popular, for its appeal is as universal as life. It voices the cry of disappointed hearts, broken hopes, unsatisfied longings for things more whole and perfect than our own uneven lives and unsteady souls can gain for ourselves. The poet who pens such lines is sure of a high place in every Scrap Book Anthology, no matter how the highbrow critics may rank his or her muse. As it happens, Alice, I can help you about this poem. It is by Louisa Fletcher (Mrs. Willard Connelly), and was first published in 1911. A book of Mrs. Connelly's verse is published, under the title of "The Land of Beginning Again," by Small, Maynard & Co., Boston, Mass. So you may find the poem there, if none of the cousins produces it from a scrap-book—as I am quite sure will be done.

CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS:

I'm sincerely glad that you love Missouri, Uncle Lisha, at least I judge that you do from all the kind remarks I've read in the Cousins' department. But I'm sure you've never seen southeast Missouri, generally known as "swamp-east Missouri." Although this name was at one time an appropriate honest description, it desires to be no longer known as such, for it has now been dredged and grows the finest crops, equal to any in the U. S., without commercial fertilizer of any kind.

This section has a wonderful history: When the Indians roamed the country, the spot where Caruthersville now stands was one of the landings on the Mississippi River and a ridge running west from here, known as Morgan's Ridge, was never known to overflow. Now our levee prevents any overflows. There are quite a number of Indian mounds in Pemiscot County. Various kinds of pottery have been dug from one which is about two miles southwest of the town.

Then there was the earthquake of 1812. That was an exciting time for the settlers. The Mississippi ran upstream. Some of the highest land sank, causing great lakes and bayous to form. The lakes have been dredged and drained, but they say there is a place in one beautiful bayou where no bottom has ever been found. The largest lake was more than ten miles long. Big walnut timber, nearly eight feet in diameter, has been dug from the bed of the lake, sure proof of its once having been high ground. Thousands of walnut logs were burned in heaps during the clearing of the country. Then game was abundant. Deer, bear, elk, wolves, squirrels, ducks, geese, pelicans and turkey made it a hunter's dream—but times have rapidly changed.

There are now scarcely any swamps. Ditches eight to 25 feet deep have been dug all over the low ground. An aviator flying over our section landed and asked



No Excuse Now For dingy film on teeth

A way has been found to combat film on teeth, and millions of people now use it.

A few years ago, nearly all teeth were coated more or less. Today those dingy coats are inexcusable. You can prove this by a pleasant ten-day test.

Film ruins teeth

Film is that viscous coat you feel. It clings to teeth, gets between the teeth and stays. Then it forms the basis of dingy coats which hide the teeth's natural luster.

Film also holds food substance which ferments and forms acid. It holds the acid in contact with the teeth to cause decay. Millions of germs breed in it. They, with tartar, are the chief cause of pyorrhea.

Thus most tooth troubles are now traced to film. No ordinary tooth paste effectively combats it. So, despite all care, tooth troubles have been constantly increasing, and glistening teeth were rare.

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Dental science has now found two effective film combatants. Their action is to curdle film and then harmlessly remove it. Years of careful tests have amply proved their efficiency.

A new-type tooth paste has been created, based on modern research. These two film combatants are embodied in it for daily application. The name of that tooth paste is Pepsodent.

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Pepsodent also multiplies the starch digestant in the saliva. That is there to digest starch deposits which may otherwise cling and form acids.

It multiplies the alkalinity of the saliva. That is there to neutralize acids which cause tooth decay.

Old-time tooth pastes, based on soap and chalk, had just opposite effects.

It polishes the teeth, so film adheres less easily.

Thus Pepsodent does, in five great ways, what never before was so successfully done.

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Now careful people of fifty nations are using Pepsodent, largely by dental advice. You can see the results in lustrous teeth wherever you look today. To millions of people it has brought a new era in teeth cleaning.

Send the coupon for a 10-Day Tube. Note how clean the teeth feel after using. Mark the absence of the viscous film. See how teeth whiten as the film-coats disappear.

In one week you will realize that this method means new beauty, new protection for the teeth. Cut out the coupon now.

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about our "canals." He thought we had a wonderful system for the transportation of our products!

Where lakes once produced 80-pound fish, corn now grows to the enormous height of 30 feet and pumpkins to the weight of 118 pounds. Alfalfa and clover make from four to six and sometimes seven cuttings a season, producing a ton and a half to the acre at each cutting. A farmer living in the Arkansas cotton country visited in our county and wants to rent 1,000 acres to plant to cotton—he says 35 acres here will produce more than his 1,400 acres where he now lives.

I live on a small farm on the edge of the town and we raise fruit mostly. We have received the blue ribbon on our pears at the fair for many years. We have raised pears weighing two and three-quarters pounds each. Some of our pears went to the San Francisco Exposition.

So when dear Billy the Goat gets hungry won't you please send him to our part of Missouri? Hay is a much-better diet than paper, although we once had a cow that would leave hay for paper. Once she ate a whole barrel of paper and while we owned her she ate quite a lot of clothes, and a section of heavy Brussels carpet.

Enclosed you will find valuable (?) works of art—one of Bill and one of Uncle Charlie. Of course if you, Uncle Lisha, will some day pose beside the picture of Uncle Charlie, I will do one of you. I always desired to be an artist or an illustrator for stories, but never got the chance except as a pastime. I enjoy other things besides drawing. The letters of the cousins and those in the Sisters' Corner seem almost like personal letters to oneself. You see I, having no uncles, aunts nor cousins, want to adopt some, and COMFORT is a recommended source of supply. I was afraid many would never visit me and so I have given you, one and all, as pleasant a time as I could by taking you through my country, over its paved streets and tarvia roads, in the easy way of history and description. I would especially like to hear from any of the Stephens family or descendants who live in or near Raleigh, N. C., as my grandfather came from that state. Also would like letters from the Grubbs family of Kentucky and Illinois. I am, sincerely,

Your southern Democratic cousin,
ZULA STEPHENS.

town of Cooter. With a giant pear or two, what ducks I could shoot, and all my winter's wood to be cut from the bottom of the lakes, I could live comfortably the year 'round and let the cruel Brooklyn landlords starve among their empty apartments. But how about overflows, Zula? Are the levees good at Grassy Bayou? And I would not want to have it so grassy that I would have to take too much time from duck hunting or pear peeling to mow my lawn. I must know about these things before I move.

Zula, your "works of art" were artfully done and won a spot in Bill's Album if not in his hardened heart. He did not like your comparing him to a cow or suggesting that he might eat Brussels carpet. Bill would never touch anything less expensive than imported Axminster. I do hope you will make me into a work of art some day, Zula. A sort of "old master," you know, and giving me a halo or something. When the pears are ripe and the pumpkins yellowing, I'll come down to Pemiscot County and pose for you among the bayous—perhaps with a 118-pound mosquito munching on the south slope of my Roman nose.

VICKSBURG, KENTUCKY.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

As I have become so interested in the cousins letters thought I would write one, now please Uncle Lisha don't let Billie see this for I know he will get it as it is the first one I ever wrote to be put in a paper.

I am fourteen years old yesterday and was to have birthday party but my brother was sick.

I have one brother sister.

I go to school and am in the eighth grade.

I have dark brown hair and dark brown eyes and have fair complexion.

I am sorrow William M. Hwley is so lonely but I am afraid to write to him for fear I would not get very much candy.

I live on a farm of 160 acres. And my father all so owns a stor half a mile from our home. and I have been clearing for him to day and I am tired and so I will go.

Wishing you and the cousins much joy.
LOUISE CONN.

Your letter, Louise, is a dreadful example of how a typewriter will spell. If you had written to us with a fountain pen I'm sure the result would have been very different, even if less amusing. Some typewriters never were taught to spell.

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The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

The Beauty Bath

ONCE people bathed merely to be clean—and even then not so often as we who live in the age of bathtubs, hot and cold water, and other conveniences.

But while the bath for the purposes of cleanliness is, of course, a feature of every day, there is a special bath, the bath de luxe, the bath for beauty's sake, which should supplement the daily sponge or rub.

Once a week is often enough for this, though many of its features may be added to our daily bath to advantage.

Five pounds of bran should be boiled for fifteen



SHAVING SOAP FOR THE BATHTUB BOWL.

minutes in plenty of water, then the liquid poured into the bath, and the bran itself incased in a cheese-cloth bag and tossed into the tub. The bath water should be warm, and the body should be immersed for ten or fifteen minutes.

After a bath of this kind, or any hot bath which has been of more than a few minutes' duration, always lie down, wrapped in a warm blanket. The pores will expel many impurities, and when the skin will gradually cool and become firm. Warm baths are weakening and so should not be taken too frequently, or remained in too long, or daily bathing a quick cool sponge of the entire body, and friction with a bath towel.

For greater daintiness, the body should be powdered after a bath, using one of the talcum perforated cans of large size, or filling one of the small sugar shakers with a handle which can be purchased from kitchen supply departments. In his case, one may use one's favorite flower for perfume, adding dried roses, violets or lilacs to the powder in the shaker, and letting it stand before using. Even the daily bath should be followed by a quick powdering from a shaker, and a bathing of the body with a big puff of cotton to remove the surplus and equalize the distribution of the powder.

A spray can be used to advantage to stimulate the skin with one's favorite toilet water. This is a good thing to do after a tiring day. It rests and refreshes, and is one of the quickest ways to put one's self up to normal if one is going out in the evening, yet feels weary after the day's tasks.

A sponge is an excellent adjunct to the toilet. Not for the purposes of cleansing but for the cold tub or douche which should follow the day's bath. A small wooden bowl filled with melted soap and dropped into the tub is convenient in bathing. The cloth or brush being rubbed across its surface for the necessary soapy material. The bowl goes bobbing around, filled with one's favorite bath soap, which has been melted in hot water over the fire and through pouring into the bowl while the liquid has formed a hard cake the shape of the bowl itself—and is always easy to reach. It may be perfumed to suit one's taste. Oil of geranium makes a singularly clean smell and most attractive. Only two or three drops are necessary.

For a perfumed bath, not for cleanliness but for luxury, put in warm water eight ounces each of lavender, thyme and rosemary, and a half-ounce each of ground cloves, cinnamon and peppermint. Let stand for two hours, then add to your bath water. This has an antiseptic quality and is not to be despised.

Answers to Questions

BLICE-EYED MARGARET.—I am very glad you get pleasure and help from our Pretty Girls' Corner. That is what it is for, my dear, so come to me at any time with questions that need answering. Spots on the nails come, usually from hitting or scraping the nails. Any and every pressure is apt to produce them, so treat the nails gently. They cannot be disposed of, once they appear, we have to wait until the nail grows long enough so that they are at the tip and can be pared off. Scrub the nails daily with a good nail brush, soften the skin by soaking the hand in soapy water, then cleanse with orange-wood stick, gently pushing down the skin at the base of the nail but being very careful not to press on the nail itself. The nails are brittle because the system lacks some of the elements it needs. Rub vasoline on the nails at night to soften them. Or occasionally soak the hands in olive oil. In the meantime, see that you eat sensibly, plenty of fruit and

vegetables, and drink eight to ten glasses of water daily but not at your meals. Use a hand lotion on your hands after washing them, so that the soapy water will not entirely rob your skin of its natural oil. Indeed, bran water is good to wash in, or the addition of a few drops of tincture of benzoin to a bowl of water will aid in cleansing without so much soap.

THOUGHTFUL B. N. C.—I don't quite understand your difficulty. Have you ever had chickenpox or smallpox which might leave a pit such as you describe? Your description of its depth would seem to indicate that it is something much more than an enlarged pore. I should dislike to advise you to "fill it up" for this might cause some sort of a sore on your cheek. What does your doctor say about it? For scars one can sometimes apply a little collodion which hardens at once into a thin coating, and over this one can powder, but I doubt the advisability of doing anything like this with your cheek. If you have somewhat exaggerated pits, then perhaps it might be nothing more than an enlarged pore and the treatment would be to keep it clean, and after cleansing, touch it with peroxide of camphor. To cleanse it, use hot water, then rinse with warm water, and finally use cold water over it on a cloth. After this, apply the peroxide, camphor or a bit of alcohol. Don't pick it.

CAMBRIDGE.—Your red nose comes from your poor circulation. You need to exercise daily, for fifteen minutes in the morning and fifteen minutes at night before going to bed. Then you must get rid of that constipation. Exercise, of course, will help about that, but you also need to be careful about your food. The milk diet is a good idea and I will give you directions, but first let me tell you what to do when not on the milk diet. Drink water, first of all; your body needs a great deal of liquid. Cut out constipating foods, such as potatoes, white bread, cakes, pies, griddlecakes, hot breads, etc. Eat easily digested foods and those which are not what we call starchy. You can take soup with your meal, beans, string beans, asparagus, tomatoes, canned corn, baked squash, etc. Chew each mouthful until it is liquid before swallowing, and thus the work of digestion will be made easy. In the morning eat for breakfast, a large dish of prunes that have been soaked all night, in a great deal of water, then stewed gently for an hour or more until perfectly soft. Do this every morning. You can eat in addition two soft-boiled or poached eggs, but they must not be cooked over four minutes if boiled, and three-and-a-half minutes if better; while poached eggs they must be broken into water that has been boiling but which you have set back on the stove where it will not boil after the eggs are in it. Cook the eggs only until the white is well formed. With two eggs, and your prunes, and a slice of toasted whole wheat bread well chewed, you will have a perfectly good breakfast. Lettuce salad a good thing for you to eat with any meal, and good hot soup, not greasy, is excellent. Do not eat pork or real, which are hard to digest and would probably constipate you, and do not eat fried meat of any kind or indeed any fried food. Let your meats be roasted or broiled, and rather rare. These foods I am recommending are all easy of digestion, and that is what you need. For fruits, grapefruit, pineapple, baked prunes, canned peaches, if not too rich, slices of oranges, raw apples, all are good. Do not eat bananas. Only simple desserts are permissible, such as icecream, baked custard, prune soufflé, etc. Cut out candy, cake, pie. Now as to exercise: Every morning before rising, practice the following exercise for five or ten minutes, and do the same thing at night when you are undressed and there are no bands or belts to bind you. Then after rising, practice the second exercise I give below, and do this also at night.

Exercise for Constipation

Lying on your back on the bed, arms at sides, raise the right leg until it is at right angles with the body, without bending the knee. Do this slowly. Now let the right leg down, just as slowly as you possibly can, and exactly as if some pulley were holding it up. You will feel a pull on the abdominal muscles in doing this exercise, and that is what I prescribe for it, for it is your abdominal muscles which need to be exercised to the point of fatigue. After practicing this eight or ten times with the right leg, repeat with the left, and then after a moment's rest practice with both.

Exercise No. Two

Standing erect, chest up, shoulders dropped, hands on the hips with fingers forward, bend the right knee until it touches the chest, without bending the back at all. You may not be able to do this at first, but practice it over and over again. Repeat with left knee, then spreading the legs apart about eighteen inches, raise the arms above the head, palms together, elbows straight and throw them out and down with force, and back between the legs as far as they will go. Keep the knees stiff, as well as the elbows. Bend only at the waist.

I suggest that you practice these two exercises daily for a month and correct your diet as I have recommended before you begin on the milk diet.

DARBYELLA.—There is no medicine which will cure stammering. It is a matter of training, and you can do a great deal for yourself. Your parents should not scold you, because that actually does make the stammering worse as all specialists in curing stammering could tell you. Show them this answer to you and tell them that I know how they feel about it, but that



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scientific men and physicians now say that scolding makes the matter worse. The thing for you to do is never try to answer quickly or to speak in a hurry. Be very deliberate. Do not be afraid you are going to stammer. Make your mind feel that you are going to speak with perfect clearness; then very slowly form the word. You must practice speaking much, much slower than anybody else, and never attempting to speak the moment you are spoken to. Instead take time to make an effort and carefully form the sounds you wish to make. Will you try? Your parents will help, I am sure, by not speaking to you quickly, but not talking about your stammering, and by not noticing you when you are trying slowly to form the words you need. With their cooperation and your own earnest efforts I think you will be able to control this.

A good exercise for legs is to stand with chest out, chin up, hands on hips, then rise slowly to the very tips of the toes without bending the body or the knees. Just as slowly you should let the heels sink to the floor. The value of this exercise lies in doing it slowly and rising to the very tips of the toes. This exercises the calves of the legs. As to making hair curly, that can't be done, my dear, I'm sorry to say!

AUBURN.—See directions given "Cambridge." Give up your cathartics and begin to use your fruits, exercise. Be particular about the prunes that are prescribed, and always eat an apple or an orange before

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top until it just appears at the edges. Bake
one-half hour in a moderate oven. In
oil.

STUFFED BEETS.—Boil beets of uniform size
thoroughly done. Scoop out the centers and
one-half inch thick shell remains. Soak dried
beans over night. Slip off the skins, cover
beans with cold water and slowly cook until
tender, taking care they do not burn. Skim out the
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Scarlet Fever

WE choose this disease as the subject for this month's talk, but do not wish to convey to the mothers the idea that we think they can treat a baby or older child that has scarlet fever, but hope to impress upon mothers the importance of knowing it if their baby does have the disease.

Scarlet fever is an infectious disease, that is, it is given from one person to another, and in every state where they have a health board they quarantine the patient or at least isolate him. Nursing babies rarely take the disease, even if in an epidemic, although bottle-fed babies are not so immune; why this is so we do not know. The period of time that you would expect to elapse from the time of exposure until the first symptoms show up, vary from eight to 10 days.

One attack, almost without exception, removes the liability of another.

There is some doubt as to just what time in the disease that it is the most contagious, and we cannot positively answer this question, but it is always best to isolate the patient from the time of the first sign of the disease until he is through peeling or exfoliating. It may be possible that the secretions and the breath may give the disease and the mother should bear this in mind, especially if she has not had the disease herself. If the mother takes the disease herself she is liable to be a great deal sicker than the baby was, and this is true of all children's diseases, viz., scarlet fever, mumps, whooping-cough and measles.

There is always a feeling of relief when our babies have had all these children's diseases as we know it renders them immune, and although this is a relief, I cannot advise a mother to expose her baby even to get this relief.

The complications that may arise in any simple disease make this a reckless thing to do. It is the possibilities, not the probabilities, that cause us the most worry. These possibilities are the reasons why a mother should know that her child has scarlet fever and not some simple eruption like hives or nettle rash.

Even the mildest case of scarlet fever may take on an inflammation of the kidneys that will end fatally or impair the baby's health through life. The frequency of the disease makes it important that a mother should know enough about the rash to recognize it if she does see it.

The disease occurs most often in the spring and autumn, but may occur at any time.

In some of the epidemics the disease is of a very malignant type and very serious but late years the cases we see are of a mild type.

Scarlet fever is characterized by high fever, rapid pulse, and scarlet rash all over the body, a bluish, and what I mean by this is that if you press on the rash with your finger it disappears and returns when you remove the pressure.

Hives and measles and most of the eruptions are on the skin, not under it, and this is an important point to remember.

There is usually more or less throat trouble and in a severe case canker appears in the throat that causes a great deal of discomfort and choking. This is why the disease is sometimes called canker rash.

When the mother discovers that her baby has a rash on body under the skin, with fever and sore throat, she has reason to be alarmed and should send for a physician.

A mild case is a trivial matter, but in severe cases there is nothing more malignant or fatal. The tongue in scarlet fever has a characteristic appearance, as it is red with raised points, called "strawberry tongue."

On the fourth or fifth day, if without any complications, the fever declines, the eruption fades, and on the fifth to eighth day the peeling or exfoliating begins.

This continues for a week or more and in some cases for several weeks. The fact that so many cases are not recognized or treated causes it to spread, and without much doubt many of the complications of babies and children are caused by scarlet fever of a mild kind untreated.

The mildness of the attack does not eliminate the danger of kidney complications. I repeat the statement previously made, if any of you mothers suspect that your baby, or in fact any member of your family, has scarlet fever, isolate the patient from the rest of the family, keep them in a quiet room, warm, give simple diet largely milk, see that there is no kidney involvement. Older authorities told us to look out for dropsical conditions, but it is better not to wait for this as chemical analysis of urine will show trouble long before the dropsy appears.

Do not be satisfied with one examination, but have urine examined frequently all through the course of the disease.

Subject for next month, Coughs and Colds of Babies.

Questions and Answers

SORE NIPPLES.—When I am nursing my babies the nipples get very sore, and would like to know if there is anything I can do during pregnancy to prevent this?

Mrs. A. B. Auburndale, W. B.

A.—During pregnancy be careful to not flatten nipples by pressure from corsets. Harden during the later weeks of pregnancy with alcohol, with a little tannin in it. If sore while nursing, use nipple shield, paint with compound tincture of benzoin. Nitrate of lead twenty grains to one ounce of lanolin, is good to rub on during pregnancy, but must not be used after baby is born, as it might poison him.

CATARHIAL COUGH.—My two-year-old girl has a cough and cannot breathe at night. Have taken her to a clinic and they said she had rickets, and suggested Maltine and Cod Liver Oil, but it does not help her much.

Mrs. J. B. So, Norfolk, Va.

A.—The Maltine and Cod Liver Oil is good treatment and I should continue it. In addition should give her, three times a day, half-teaspoonful doses of Syrup of Hydrate of Iron in water.

Also have throat examined for diseased tonsils and adenoids.

RINGWORM OF SCALP.—I have a little girl who has a ringworm on her scalp and have tried most everything on it without relief. Will the hair come back that has gone on scalp?

Mrs. J. W. P. Wilmington, N. C.

A.—Wash part with saturated solution of boracic acid, then apply sulphur ointment. Paint around the edges with tincture of iodine. Yes, the hair will come back.

BLUE BABY, PARALYSIS.—Am writing for aid for my thirteen-months-old baby who has leakage of the heart, her pulse is very fast if she does not feel well. Would you advise heart stimulants? Her weight is seventeen pounds. Is this what she should weigh?

A few weeks ago, when cutting teeth, she suddenly became paralyzed, first leg, then arm. Could this have been caused by the teeth?

Mrs. J. D. D. Clarissa, Minn.

A.—Taking into consideration what your baby has had to contend with since birth, think her weight gratifying, but am not clear as to the cause of the paralysis.

sie. Your baby should have heart stimulants. Digitalis, I think, is indicated, but under careful supervision by a physician to watch results. Should suspect infantile paralysis, but if care is taken there will be no after results. A hospital would be an ideal place for baby for a while.

ECZEMA.—Can you suggest anything that will help my ten-months-old baby who has eczema all over his body, rough with scales, then cracks open and bleeds?

Mrs. H. S. H., Dunnegan, Mo.

A.—There are many forms of eczema and from your letter it is hard to decide just what kind your baby is suffering from.

Would suggest giving baby two-drop doses, three times a day, of tincture of chloride of iron, and bathe parts locally with Dakins' solution, one per cent., then apply sulphur ointment. Use white castile soap to wash baby.

UMBILICAL HERNIA.—My girl is eighteen months old, and the navel bulges out, and at times she lies down and strains as if she were in pain from gas. Can it be that this is gas, and what can I do for her?

Mrs. T. M. P., Hampton, Iowa.

A.—Without much doubt the cause of your baby's trouble is the hernia. Get your physician to show you how to relieve this with adhesive plaster and button covered with gauze or cotton, holding the parts in place.

WORMS, RHEUMATISM.—What can I do for my four-year-old girl who picks her nose, and bites her fingernails?

Can the cause be worms, and what can I do for relief?

What can I do for my knee and leg, as sometimes in the night they pain me badly, and feel as if the bone was being crushed?

Mrs. E. B. Okla City.

A.—Your girl may have worms and they may cause this nervousness. You can soon find out if this is the cause.

Give her one-half grain each of calomel and mandarin, every three hours, until bowels are free, then examine stool.

Teaspoonful of salt to pint of water given as enema will relieve pinworms.

For your rheumatism, take two five-grain tablets of sodium salicylate after each meal; drink lots of water. Locally, rub iodex with methyl salicylate on the parts that are painful.

BEDWETTING.—Will you tell me what to do for my twelve-year-old boy who wets the bed every night? The urine has a highly acid smell.

Mrs. L. G. Epping, N. Dak.

A.—Please read October COMFORT; have urine examined in your boy's case.

PICKING NAIL.—What makes my three-year-old girl pick her nails? She has done this for a year and at times it gets irritated.

Mrs. C. N. M., Long Beach, Cal.

A.—This is one of the unexplainable habits that children take up. Some babies will not nurse or eat without taking hold of their ear. Patient, persistent effort, gently used, will break her of the habit.

SKIN ERUPTION.—My two girls have some skin disease; skin is very rough and cracks, scabs form and the parts look angry.

Mrs. D. B. R., Muncy, Pa.

A.—Should give the girls three-drop doses of tincture of chloride of iron, in syrup, three times a day, after meals.

Locally, should bathe parts with Dakins' solution, then apply sulphur ointment.

IRRITATED NAIL.—My three-week-old baby, who I am nursing, has a red enlargement, where cord was tied, that discharges.

There is a bulging out that enlarges when baby cries. Baby cries a great deal with gas, but I have gas myself. What shall I do for the navel and for the gas?

Mrs. E. W. C. Spencer, Ind.

A.—Should advise washing navel once a day with one per cent. Dakins' solution, then dust on a little powdered borax acid, or sulphur.

If this does not relieve, have red spot touched up with nitrate of silver stick. I do not consider it good judgment to allow this rupture to go untreated and if you cannot relieve and hold it in place with button and adhesive plaster, have an umbilical truss made that will hold in place.

Crying is bad for rupture, as it may enlarge it. For the gas, get your own digestion in good condition and the baby's will be also.

Avoid acid fruits, rich pastry and gravies, and after each meal take two teaspoonfuls of Elix. Lactated Pepsin.

WEANING BABY.—When should I wean my baby who is now 12 months old? Should I wean it gradually or at once and how shall I do up the milk?

Mrs. J. S. Marshall, Minn.

A.—Wean baby when it is eleven months old. Should wean her quickly, when you begin. Bandaging the breasts snugly to the chest with dry diet for a few days, soon drying up milk secretion.

COUGH, MORNING SICKNESS. My three year old boy has had a cough, especially when lying down. There is no history of tuberculosis on either side of the family. What can I do for morning sickness?

Mrs. J. E. C., Oxford, Ohio.

A.—For the cough, should give your three-year-old boy one half teaspoonful doses of Syrup of Hydrate of Iron, three times a day, well diluted with water. Have nose and throat examined for adenoids or enlarged diseased tonsils.

Morning sickness is a sympathetic disturbance and often is a moderate symptom to relieve. You should avoid all excitement and anxiety and keep bowels regular, eat food easy to digest.

Have seen an abdominal binder, giving slight upward and inward pressure, give relief.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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salt mines, and oil wells in almost every part of the state. The farm products are rice, cotton, corn, sugar cane, potatoes and all kinds of vegetables.

How many have heard of the beautiful Evangeline Oak on the banks of the Bayou Teche? It is near my home and there are benches around the tree where people sit and rest.

What's the matter with the men? I enjoy reading their letters.

Have any of the sisters ever taken correspondence courses and were they successful? I am taking a course and find it very good.

Here's a help for teachers. Wash your blackboards with a mixture of kerosene and vinegar and you will be surprised at the results.

I always enjoy descriptions so will give you one of myself. My height is about five feet, five inches, weight 125 pounds. I have medium brown hair, gray eyes, a fair complexion and am not old enough to vote.

But of course I'm going to vote when I can.

I would like very much to receive letters from those who care to write and will try to answer all I get. I would enjoy postcards of views from all over the country to use in my geography class.

This is not my first attempt to sit with you.

Your friend, MINA SPEER

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS: (CASSVILLE, MO.)

I shall be glad to hear someone asking for Christmas suggestions? Maybe I can give a few. There are many things for housekeepers, embroidered or embroidered dollies are a way useful. Those who cannot embroider can surely do the applique work and this is very attractive.

Dresser scarfs made from unbleached muslin and embroidered or appliqued in bright colors are pretty and useful. Blind edge or work in blanket stitch. Pin-take the time to make an embroidered top, cover a pretty piece of silk with lace or net, put on a narrow edge of lace and a loop of ribbon to match silk. Doll girls who have a room of her own. Get small china or glass dolls, make a circle of cardboard and cover goods to this. Run a gathering thread in top and stuff with wool or cotton, placing the doll in the center. Gather cushion around the doll's waist, leaving the arms free. Take a piece of cambric lace, the length of four points, run a ribbon through the beading and tie in bow at back. Fasten through the beading and the doll and on point in front and back. The effect is charming. Nothing pleases a small girl better than generally be made out for her favorite doll and these may wear their welcome out from scraps. Handkerchiefs never them. Camisoles, aprons, collar-and-cuff sets, yokes, gifts always welcome. Most of these need not be expensive. Make as many things alike as you can and one-half will not cost so much. For instance, one two dresser scarfs and you would have to buy that.

If any of the sisters know how to fix prepared mustard at home, will you please tell me how to do it.

I will describe myself and then go. I am 22 years old, dark brown hair and eyes, five feet, eight inches tall and weigh about 155 pounds. Have been married two and one-half years and have a sweet baby.

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Love to all, MRS. EDNA COLE, BARTON, GEORGIA.

HELLO OLD DEARS: I say "Old Dears" simply because I love each and every one of you. I have been married nearly six years and have always welcomed COMFORT at our home and long years ago my aunt used to take it so I learned to love it before I was grown. My subscription is paid for three years in advance.

Mrs. F. P. P., I wish I could be like Aunt Polly and I mean to try from now on.



RUSSELL AND KATE SALTER.

Old Mad Sister, from Indiana, will you write to me? I have two children, a girl and a boy, and home wouldn't be home to me without them. I pray that I can always have them with me or near me. Kate is four years old and Russell, Jr., is two. Both are blondes. Everybody calls Russell "Buddie." I am sending a picture of them, taken when Kate was two years old and Russell only four months but weighing thirty pounds. They have always been healthy babies and no one has enjoyed their children more than I have. I have my hands full though and have a great many troubles and trials to bear but it does no good to grumble. Just ask God to help you and try to wear a smile. That is the best way to meet everything and everybody.

I tell you how I look for I enjoy that part in other letters. I am five feet, six inches tall, weigh 157 pounds and have blue eyes, black hair and a fair complexion and am 23 years old.

I live one mile from a little town, on a splendid road, and own our own farm. My house is six rooms and I want to remodel it when times get better. I wish some of you dear folks could write to me for I am lonely at times.

I have never written before but hope to see my babies smiling back at me when the next number comes.

Respectfully yours, Mrs. R. J. SALTER.

Mrs. Salter.—Miss Kate is our very youngest daughter, with her rolled nose, bare knees and bobbed hair. Buddie is showing his brotherly displeasure by looking very stern in hopes to convince us that it isn't his fault, he just can't do a thing with her.—Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON: (MARLBOROUGH, WASH.)

There are so many to write interesting letters that I hesitate to even bother you but I want to ask the sisters are many, I am sure, who have read matter. There done with. We are twenty miles and no car from the nearest newsstand and twenty-five cents a week and four dollars or so all at once are different.

The fall rains have started and as school is keeping that cannot be left alone. We are miles from neighbors and in midwinter the school children are gone from homesome is no name for it especially when the babies can sleep in the afternoon, and the long evenings. I can pay parcel post charges for the first two zones way up among the mountains between Rockport and C. O. D. mail we have come to Marlborough, as it is nearer. It's just a store and post office and a few ever writes from hereabouts but they all used to take last four months were lent and are still traveling. I have hopes of getting them back. I shall be hurt if mail man is the most popular man hereabouts, especially when COMFORT is due.

Sincerely, MRS. HELEN BUTLER.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS: I want some of the Christian sisters to advise me in my trouble for some may have had a similar experience. I have been married ten years, eight of which my husband found it necessary to employ a girl to assist him in his business as my health would not permit me to work as I had. A woman whom I considered one of my best friends told me that her daughter could take in a few months I realized that my husband was unkind. I expressed my opinion but it only made my husband angry with me. Matters grew worse. I felt as long as I had no proof of their guilt I would keep quiet.

If possible, I did not want to be unfair and if it were only jealousy on my part, it would be wronging her. She continued her visits to my home. I treated her before the birth of my son. I had proof of his infidelity. They both plead for mercy and made all kinds of promises to me with only the desire that I would not

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The Butterfly Girl

By Lillia Montgomery Mitchell

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GERTIE was undeniably a butterfly girl. Her pretty brown hair was always wavy and curly, her frocks were always fluffy and soft and her fingers were always white and soft with glistening finger-tips. Gertie was not a large girl; indeed, had one held her against the wall and measured she probably would not have been more than one or two inches past the five-foot mark. And Gertie was Milton Webb's steady girl.

Milton Webb was not, absolutely, of the butterfly type. He worked in the shipping room of a large mail-order house and when there was any specially heavy box or crate the first call for aid came from Milton. According to the records at the mail-order house kept in its employment department (which, by the way, had recently been named personnel department), Milton was six feet two, tipped the scales at two hundred flat and was a rugged piece of manhood well fitted for manual labor. Milton, however, while fitted for manual labor, had no desire to remain at the job. This was not due to laziness but rather to the fact that the "head-work" jobs paid better than Milton was anxious to earn a good salary. He studied feverishly at nights except on Wednesday and Sunday when he took Gertie out. He was studying accounting. While the work was not difficult for him it was tedious and often hours after his work would pass while he checked and re-checked certain debit and credit columns to strike a balance. He was often so desperately tired when Sunday came that he would sit back on a park bench and just look at Gertie and wonder how he could be so gay and effervescent. It was that very vivacity in Gertie that he loved. At such times he longed to take her into his arms and tell her so, tell her that he wanted to get her as good as Minnie and Stella had. But the unending lessons that must be covered before he could ask for a real job in the mail-order house always arose before him and he yielded unyieldingly. Gertie knew he was studying to "get somewhere," but she had never studied enough to know that mental work often wears one out even more than physical labor. She did not understand why he seemed tired and listless, why he looked at her so oddly, why he said nothing. Sometimes twenty minutes would pass without his having said a word. And it was one group of words in particular that Gertie wanted to hear. She often looked at her fourth finger and pondered over the sea that it was unfurnished. But when Milton said nothing—well, she thought, what could she do? And then one day she found a newspaper article that talked about the modern girl. It be-

moaned the fact that the modern girl is never serious but is flirtatious and flighty; it belittled her dress, her mode of hairdressing, her make-up and her manner. Gertie staid awake long that night. It was Saturday night and Gertie knew that on the morrow she would see Milton. He should propose, she decided. From what the article said, girls and women were running human events and secured what they wanted at any cost.

"Well," said Gertie, settling her mouth into a straight line as that cupid's bow could manage, "I want Milt. If I don't set to work and get him someone else will. Anybody'd fall in love with him at sight."

The next afternoon late when Milt had shaved and donned his Sunday suit for the outing, he called for Gertie. Just as he rang the bell he discovered mentally a place in his set of books that was "off." He knew that by remedying that spot his books would be in all probability balance. When Gertie greeted him, therefore, he was pleasant but absent-minded. He followed her into the living-room and sat down. Gertie sat primly opposite him. He looked at her.

"Gertie!" he exclaimed, his jaw dropping an inch. "Wh-wh-why, what's the matter?"

"Nothing," she said quietly. If tears were near the surface he should not know it, she determined.

"But—b-b-but, you look—sick—or—something," he stammered.

"Well?" she countered. "Well, don't you like—?" and then the tears did come. And when Gertie cried she cried as she did everything else—heartily and loud.

"Why, Gertie!" exclaimed the now thoroughly awakened Milt, "something is the matter! You just tell me what it is right off."

And so Gertie found herself running to her room for the newspaper clipping and stealing a glance in the mirror at the straight-haired, uncurled, unfluffy double that stared back at her gravely and unsmilingly before she closed the door. "You see," she told Milt, "it says that modern girls are butterflies and that no one sensible would care for that type of girl. It says you—I mean a girl shouldn't use any powder or—or anything and that the hair ought to be smooth and close and that ruffles should not be—"

But Milt was not listening; he was staring at her altered appearance. "Sa-a-ay," he broke in, "how long would it take you to get—you know—fixed up as usual? You may be a butterfly, all right, but it suits me. And, say, a fellow down at Merken's has a diamond he brought back from France and he and I have sort of been dickered about it for your ring. Suppose we go down so you can give it the o-o before I take it?"

And it was the old-time Gertie, the butterfly girl, who slipped a newspaper clipping into the top drawer of her dresser before she went out with Milt.

Comfort's League of Cousins

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When they were young, and I think your machine must be one of the untrained sort. But they are tricky beasts. My typewriter, for instance, has two or three university degrees, yet it prefers to call "friend" as "f-r-e-i-n-d." It will do this very possible time my back and fingers are ached. Yet the twist of your machine makes our letter most interesting, Louise. It tells about an strange combination, "brother sister" you have, and gives us your age as "fourteen"—which take to mean that you are between fourteen and fifteen, perhaps.

Louise, you were wise to warn me not to let Billy see your letter. His rage would have been beyond description and his language past print. All thinks all babies should be born with a spelling book in their hands and a dictionary between their lips. Yet I once caught his spelling "separate" with an "e" in the middle!

Thanks, Louise, for wishing us all "much joy." I think your typewriter played much of a "joke" on you and the result gave us all "much joy"—which is what you really wanted and meant to say, I fancy. I know it gave me "much joy" to read it, although I had to pick out a time when I was in the Park. You certainly ran a great risk, Louise, but you escaped this time.

BENTON, KANSAS.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

As we are taking Comfort I am taking your advice, or I don't know what to do. I want to join the League of Cousins and would like to write letters, but I can't take the Comfort now and have for a long while, please let me know how I can join the League without subscribing. I remain, as ever,

Your niece, FONDA DEWITT.

You write a good little letter, Fonda, and if you can write I'm pretty sure you can read too. So if you want to know how to get in the Happy Bunch, just read the rules which are printed in big black-face type at the end of our department and every other month. As your household is already a subscriber, all you need to do is to send in fifty-five cents to have this subscription extended, in your name, one year from the date of its expiration. Fifty cents pays for Comfort one year, and the extra nickel gives you your membership in the League of Cousins. It brings on your League button, your membership certificate, your number in the Big Family, and places your name on our League letter list. Once a member, Fonda, you are always a member. We have no annual dues but love and loyalty: Love or each other and loyalty to the principles for which our Big Family was founded and exists. We are probably the greatest society of young people on earth, Fonda, and it's a dead sure thing we are the happiest. Big as our circle is here is always room for one more and we are always glad to "move over" and give a newcomer a place and a smile of welcome. So come in, Fonda, and have a laugh and a letter with us.

WHITEFISH, MONTANA.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

This is my first attempt to write to the cousins' corner. I have been a silent reader of Comfort for a long time and think it is a very good paper indeed. We have taken it for about fifteen years.

Well, it seems queer not to see any letters or very few in Comfort from Montana—and none from the town in which I live.

I am going to ask the cousins if any of them have the song, "The Dying Cowboy." I think it starts out like this:

"Oh, bury me not on the lone prairie!"

If any of the cousins has it I would like to get it. Will tell you something about myself. I am five feet, five and a half inches tall. I am sixteen years old, weigh 155 pounds, and am a burnett.

Your niece, MYRTLE LOCKE.

You say you are "a burnett." Myrtle, and I notice you are careful not to tell us the color of your hair. It certainly would not make me three guesses to know what shade of hair should be appropriate to a "burnett." Nothing but hot stuff would do, and so I'm only taking one try and am guessing you ought to be listed in our immense and constantly growing Red Headed Division. If I'm wrong, let me know, Myrtle, but it seems to me you must be ginger-haired.

That's an awful mournful song you want to know about, Myrtle. Lots of cousins have told me in their letters that there are no more cowboys—so they must all be dead at the present writing, including, of course, the unfortunate chap you write about. I certainly hope all these dead cowboys were not buried on the "lone prairie" if there is any such legitimate objection to being so interred. Certainly it is a roomy location and the digging should be easy. Not having the rest of the pleasant song, I don't know the particular

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

Mamma has been taking Comfort for a long time. I decided I would write to the cousins. I live on a

large farm and we have a great many cattle and mules. I have for a pet a little mule. Her name is Tiny. We have a seven months school and I go all I can because I love to go. I am in the sixth grade. My worst study is Physiology.

Now I will describe myself: I have blue eyes, light hair and light complexion. Now guess my age if you can. I am not old enough to court the boys.

Love to you and all the cousins from,

Your niece, HAZEL BOND.

Hazel, if you insist upon being foolhardy enough to have a mule for a pet, I think you are wise to pick out a little one—the Tinker the better. A mule whose right hind leg would be visible only under a microscope would be about the best size, I should say. "Safety first" is the proper motto when it comes to pet mules—and always pet 'em on the nose.

I think it is just as well you are not old enough yet to "court the boys," Hazel. This difficult business would take your mind too much away from that young seven months school you like so well. Instead of studying your physiology and pondering the difference between carpi and metacarpals, you would be riding off every moonlight night to make calls on some lovely blond blue-eyed and blue-jeaned Arkansan. I have heard that Arkansas boys are timid, backward creatures and need a lot of courting, Hazel. So perhaps you will find you have a hard job on your hands when you do start in making calls. Yet this practice you have had in making a pet out of a mule ought to help some. Pick out a little boy just as you have a tiny mule, and you may find it easier at first.

I'm always willing to take a chance, Hazel, and I'm going to guess your age as between twelve and thirteen. You do not offer any prize for the winner, but I'll be satisfied with a picture of you and your pocket edition cotton cultivator.

HASTINGS, MICHIGAN.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS:

I have been a silent reader of your department for ten years and thought I would write.

This is a real nice town. We have a population of about 8,000 here. There are several factories—among them being a large felt boot factory, a large table factory, a bookcase factory, an international lock and seal factory, a gas works and an electric light and power plant.

Well, I will describe myself so you will know how homely I am: I am five feet, two inches tall, weigh 110 pounds, and have light hair and blue eyes. My age is between eighteen and twenty-eight.

Uncle, I wish you had been here for dinner; we had such good apple pie.

I will close, hoping to hear from all the cousins.

Your niece and cousin, LIDA PORTER.

Well, Lida, I was so glad to hear you had such a nice assortment of factories in your town. There is nothing like factories to give a town a cheerful homey look. They have such pretty smoky chimneys and they blow such lovely whistles early in the morning and just in time to make one reach for one's dinner pail. And your factories are such interesting ones! That boot factory, for instance, which will not bother with "slim and graceful" extremities but makes only "large felt boots." I suppose the smallest size must number ten and from that on to a yard and a half. And then the factory which makes the seals so one can have all the cozy warm seal-skin coats one wants. I imagine they make the locks as a side line so a lock can be purchased at the same time to keep the seal coat away from moths and thieves. I really think you are ever so fortunate to have all these factories in your town, Lida. That's one thing I like about Brooklyn—we have plenty of factories. There's a lovely glue factory south of me and a large, handsome soap factory not quite six blocks away. When I open my windows on a spring morning it is delightful to smell the fragrance of these flowers of industry. You should get a soap factory for Hastings if you can. You do not know what you are missing.

Lida, I'll accept any dinner invitation that includes apple pie on the food chart. I like my apple pie flavored with nutmeg, dotted with butter, baked in a square tin—and the corner piece given to me. If nobody watches when the juice runs down my chin I can be completely happy. Why don't you start a large apple pie works in your town, Lida? I think this would be even better than the soap factory. I am open for a job as oven foreman or chief cutter and taster.

PATOKA, LOCK BOX 176, INDIANA.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS:

I thought I would write. I was afraid the trains would not run. School started September 11th and I am glad. My brother has got a pup and its mother. Yesterday was my papa's birthday and he was 37 years old. I am going to the fair one day, I guess. My brother and I will go to the new school building. I would like to see all the cousins.

Your niece, THELMA SPORR.

Well, you see, Thelma, the trains did run after all! In fact they ran so fast that they got to Augusta and Brooklyn quite out of breath and laid your letter right on my desk with a big snort. So it was good, you see, that you decided to write to us and give the lazy old trains an excuse for exercise.

I must congratulate your proud papa on his 37th birthday, Thelma. That is a very advanced age, as you know, and he must be a very old and wise parent. I can remember dimly the first time I was 37 years old, Thelma, and how ancient I felt. That was "way back in 1882, the year of the Great Blizzard. Oh, Gee-whillikins! Now I've done it and let out just how old I am. Well, I don't care anyway. I'll have to let it go now, but please don't tell the rest of the cousins; some of 'em think I'm only twenty-six! But I remember, as I was saying, looking at my too shiny dome, with a hand mirror on my bay back in 1882, and noting as a strange herpicultural phenomenon that I had just thirty-seven hairs left—one for each year of my age. I leave to you to guess how many I have left now after all these long and windswept years have passed across my noble brow.

Thelma, I would like to see all the Family, too, but they would sure take a lot of seeing. Probably if you and I commenced looking at Cousin number one, we would finish up completing an inspection of the Happy Circle somewhere along about 1943. Why, the Red-Headed Division alone would take about two years to look over, Thelma, and we would have to wear smoked glasses all the while we were on this section of our looking job.

CONSTANTIA, NEW YORK.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS:

I have written to you three times before, but oh, dear, I guess Billy the Goat got all the letters I wrote. I live in New York on a farm of 204 acres. The best of it all is there are three orchards on the farm—nearly all apples. Uncle, won't you and the cousins come and help can some of these apples? Now I don't mean for you to put them all in cans.

Maybe you would like to know who it is that is writing, or at least what she looks like. So here goes: I am five feet, three inches short with brown hair, blue-gray eyes and fair complexion. My age is between thirteen and twenty years, and I weigh 116 pounds. Cousin Arthur Arnold, I wish that Uncle Lisha and all the cousins could surprise you some night and walk into your house. Then maybe you could forget the one you love who is far away. I have been wondering if you were any relation to my brother's wife. She used to be an Arnold.

Oh, dear, dear! I must close this long letter. Lots of love to all, and some, if not all. Please write to me.

Your niece and cousin, ILLA M. HAGMAN.

Ila, if I owned three apple orchards all at once I would think myself richer than John D. Rockefeller. No more would I have to pour hard-earned wealth into the bottomless pockets of that stony-hearted and piratical corner grocer who smiles and smiles and sells me worm-eaten seconds for twice the price of first quality York State apples. Why, if I owned even one apple orchard Ila, I could be so happy! I would have at least some of every variety of the most glorious of fruits, and I would just spend golden October days wandering about under the trees and munching first a Spy, then a McIntosh; here

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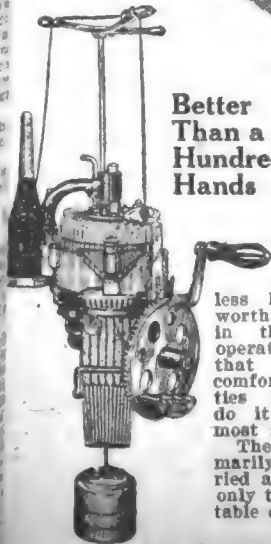


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signs You Will Like to Make

Fancy Knitted Vest

Knitted vests, at present, are very popular, especially with young men. These are so easily and much more quickly made by hand than sweaters, that knitters need have no undertaking to make one. One of 38-40 chest, about three and one-half inches deep, one pair bone needles, No. 1, or steel needles, No. 12, will be re-

For the Back

Cast on No. 1 needle. Knit in p 1 for 10 inches, then decrease each end of each needle until five have been decreased on each end. S of k 1, p 1 until back measures 17 inches, then slip 35 sts on an extra needle, bind off 40 sts for the neck, then 35 sts knit one front after pattern:

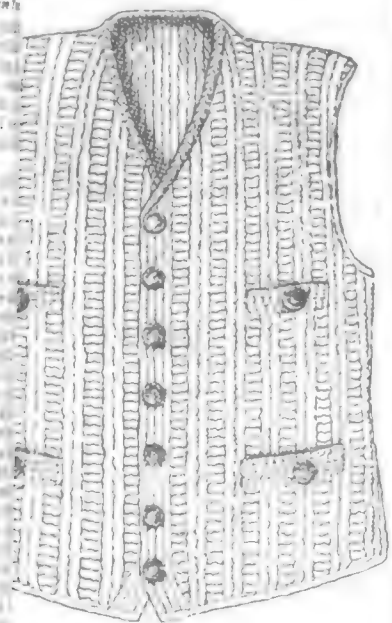
Left Front of Vest

* P 3, k 1, p 1, k 1, p 1, k 1. * to end of row, ending with p 3.
* K 1, p 1, repeat from * ending 1.
Same as 1st row.
Same as 2nd row.
Same as 1st row.
Same as 2nd row, increasing 1 st.

Working in this way, increasing every other row until 32 sts have been on center edge, making 67 sts on needles.
Row k 2 sts on front edge, bind off under-hole, work as usual to end of back and cast on 4 sts opposite end off. K 2 sts.
As directed, making buttonholes two at hereafter.
Work measures seven and one-half inches where pattern started on the increase one stitch on the arm-hole every other row until four stitches added, then cast on 14 stitches for knit as before, following the pattern.

Pocket Lap

Cast 24 sts on a spare needle. K 4 rows—K 20, bind off 4, k 20.
K 20, cast on 4, k 20 * thus buttonhole in pocket lap. K 4 rows following the pattern from the front vest for 32 sts, slip the next 24 sts on needle, and in their place follow on the 24 sts of pocket lap; then to end of the row on remaining sts, or six inches from this point.
A second pocket lap as directed for from * to * but on 30 sts instead of 24.
Pattern on 32 sts from front as before, next 30 sts on a spare needle, and then on 30 sts of second pocket lap. End of row.



MAN'S KNITTED VEST.

Following pattern until under-arm seam length as side seam on the back.

Bottom of Vest

Row—Starting from front, follow pattern the first 5 sts, then k 2 together, pattern on remaining sts but leave last 10 under-arm needle.
Row—Follow pattern, knitting back to front.
Repeat these two rows, leaving five more every other row on the under-arm and decreasing one stitch on front every row until there 18 stitches left on front then with steel needles purl the first 10 at the second row, purl the 3rd and 4th rows. Bind off on left side and on right. Sew up side seams. Make opposite in the same way.
Cast 154 stitches around fronts and neck.

Row—Purl.
Row—Knit.
Repeat these rows once more.
Sew loosely on left side and sew down, follow pattern for pockets on the stitches spare needles, knitting for three or four then bind off and sew on wrong side.

For all pockets, then sew pocket laps on side of vest. Face both edges of the with ribbon or silk, work the button- and sew on buttons.

White or Colored Wash-Cloths

A member of the family may now have individual wash-cloths, with no possible mixups even if all are of white cot-

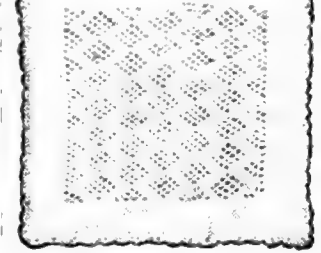
ton, if each cloth is of a distinctive pattern. The peek-a-boo and zigzag patterns are particularly dainty, while the striped one is severe enough in pattern not to offend the masculine members of the household.

Directions for Wash-Cloths

Zigzag Pattern

Using No. 16 white knitting cotton, or cotton pearl in pink, blue or lavender, cast 84 stitches on No. 12 steel needle. Knit across plain 2nd row. Purl.

Repeat these two rows until border is two inches.



ZIGZAG PATTERN.

1st row of pattern—K 14 (n, o), 28 times, k 14.
2nd row—Purl.
3rd row—K 13 (n, o), twice, k 2 (n, o, n, o, k 2), 6 times (n, o), twice, k plain.
4th row—Purl.
5th row—K 12 (n, o, k 4, n, o), 6 times, n, o, k plain.
6th row—Purl.
7th row—K 12, n, o, (k 6, n, o) 6 times, n, o, k plain.
8th row—Purl.
9th row—K 16, n, o, (k 6, n, o) 6 times, k plain.
10th row—Purl.
11th row—K 15, n, o, (n, o, k 4, n, o) 6 times, n, o, k plain.
12th row—Purl.
13th row—K 14, (n, o, n, o, n, o, k 2) 6 times, (n, o) 3 times, k plain.
Purl back and repeat from first row to complete diamond.

Peek-a-Boo Pattern

Cast on 80 stitches. Knit across plain. Purl and knit alternating rows for border.

1st row of pattern—K 12 (n, o, k 1, o, n, k 5), 5 times, n, o, k 1, o, n, k 12.
2nd row—Purl.
3rd row—K 11 (n, o, k 3, o, n, k 3), 5 times, n, o, k 1, o, n, k 11.
4th row—Purl.
5th row—Same as 1st row.
6th row—Purl.
7th row—K 17 (n, o, k 1, o, n, k 5), 4 times, n, o, k 1, o, n, k 17.
8th row—Purl.
9th row—K 16 (n, o, k 3, o, n, k 3), 4 times, n, o, k 2, o, n, k 16.
10th row—Purl.
11th row—Same as 7th row.
12th row—Purl.
Repeat from 1st row. Repeat the pattern until there are six open-work designs in length, then knit and purl border.

Open work Strip

Cast on 81 stitches, knit across plain, make two-inch border as in other cloths.
Pattern. 1st row—K 11, (n, o, k 2) 9 times (n, o) twice, k 12.
2nd row—Purl.
3rd row—K 12 (n, o, k 4) 9 times, n, o, k 12.
4th row—Purl.
Repeat until openwork measures about eight inches then knit and purl border.
Each cloth when finished with a simple crocheted scallop to keep the edges from curling, measures 12 inches square.

Fine Knitted Lace

For illustration see opposite page.

This is a very pretty pattern for edging handkerchiefs if knitted of No. 100 thread on No. 18 needle.

Of coarse thread, it is suitable for lingerie, dainty white aprons and little tots' cotton dresses.

Cast on 14 stitches. Knit across.
1st row—K 2, n, o, k 3, o, n, k 1, o 2, n, o, n, purl 1 in same st before slipping it off the needle.
2nd row—Narrow, o, n, k 1, p 1, k 10.
3rd row—K 4, o, slip 1, n, pass slip st over, o, k 4, o 2, n, o, n, p 1 in same st.
4th row—N, o, n, k 1, p 1, k 11.
5th row—K 2, n, o, k 3, o, n, k 3, o 2, n, o, n, p 1.
6th row—N, o, n, k 1, p 1, k 12.
7th row—K 4, o, slip 1, n, pass, slip st o, o, k 6, o 2, n, o, n, p 1.
8th row—N, o, n, k 1, p 1, k 13.
9th row—K 2, n, o, k 3, o, n, k 5, o 2, n, o, n, p 1.
10th row—N, o, n, k 1, p 1, k 14.
11th row—K 4, o, slip 1, n, pass slip st over, o, k 8, o 2, n, o, n, p 1.
12th row—N, o, n, k 1, p 1, n, pass purl st over, n, pass last st over, n, pass st o, k 9.

Wide Knitted Lace

Of 70 to 80 thread cast 26 sts on No. 14 or 16 needle.

1st row—K 4, o, slip 1, n, bind, o, k 3, o, slip 1, n, bind, o, k 3, o, slip 1, n, bind, o, k 4, o, k 1, o, k 2.
2nd row—K 2, o, k 3, o, n, k 21.
3rd row—K 3, n, o, k 1, o, n, k 1, n, o, k 1, n, o, k 1, o, k 2, n, o, k 5, o, k 2.
4th row—K 2, o, k 3, o, n, k 2, o, n, k 20.
5th row—K 2, n, o, k 3, o, slip 1, n, bind, o, k 3, o, slip 1, n, bind, o, k 3, o, k 3, o, n, k 3, n, o, k 1.
6th row—K 1, n, o, n, k 1, n, o, k 2, n, k 20.
7th row—K 3, o, n, k 1, n, o, k 1, o, n, k 1, n, o, k 1, o, n, k 1, n, o, n, k 2, o, k 3 together, o, n, k 1.
8th row—Bind off 2, k 25. Repeat from first row.

Bird's-Eye Edging

The following directions give good results worked in knitting cottons for Turkish towels,

or of fine white wool for infants' pinnors or flannel skirts.

Cast on 20 stitches, using suitable size needle. Knit across plain.

1st row—K 3, o twice, p 2 together, k 1, o, n, k 2, o, n, k 3, o twice, p 2 together, k 1, o 3 times, k 2.
2nd row—K 2, then knit 1 loop, p 1 and k 1, k next st, o twice, p 2 together, k 10, o twice, p 2 together, k 3.
3rd row—K 3, o twice, p 2 together (k 2, o, n) twice, k 2, o twice, p 2 together, k 6.
4th row—K 6, o twice, p 2 together, k 10, o twice, p 2 together, k 3.
5th row—K 3, o twice, p 2 together, k 3, o, n, k 2, o, n, k 1, o twice, p 2 together, k 6.
6th row—Same as 4th row.
7th row—K 3, o twice, p 2 together (k 2, o, n) twice, k 2, o twice, p 2 together, k 6.
8th row—Slip and bind 3, k 2, o twice, p 2 together, k 10, o twice, p 2 together, k 3.
Insertion to match can be made by simply omitting the edge or making both sides alike.

Man's Motor Gloves

One skein each of two shades of grey Scotch and two pairs of No. 12 steel needles will be required.

With darker shade cast 20 stitches on each of three needles, knit in ribs of 2 and 2 for 45 rounds.

At end of last round increase 1, for now both shades will be used and an uneven number of stitches required.

1st round of hand—K 2 sts of each shade, alternating, until 5 sts remain. These begin thumb. Work them with dark grey and purl 1, k 1, p 1.

2nd round—Same as last.

3rd round—The same, but alternate the shades, bringing light over dark and vice versa, checker-board style, thumb stitches same shade as before.

4th round—Same as 3rd rd. The block pattern is continued in this way throughout the hand, the colors reversed after every second round, though no mention will be made of it hereafter. The color not in use always hangs inside the work to be taken up as needed, and the only care necessary is to see that the threads are not pulled up too tightly as one changes from one shade to another.

The thumb is increased as follows:
5th round—K 2 in first thumb st, k 3, k 2 in last thumb stitch.

Increase in this way in every 5th rd, until there are 13 sts between the increasing, or 71 sts in all on the needles.

K 10 rounds without increasing. Run 15 thumb sts onto a thread.

Care should be taken when carrying the contrasting color back of the thumb to leave it very loose, so that there will be sufficient room to fasten off these threads securely.

Upon the 56 sts now remaining on the needles work 1 rd and at the end of it cast on 8 sts right next to the thumb.

Work 14 rds, plain, still using block pattern.

Then knit 1 rd of the dark grey and on this rd on the outside, opposite the thumb, narrow twice. There should now be 62 sts on needles. For the first finger k 9, run all the stitches of the hand, excepting the last seven, onto a thread, cast 4 sts on a needle next to the 9 sts just omitted, k 7 sts. Work for 28 rds, then decrease as follows:

1st round—K 2, k 2 together, repeat all around.

Knit 3 rds without decreasing.

5th round—K 2, k 2 together, repeat all around.

6th round—Same as 5th rd.

7th round—Knit without decreasing.

8th round—K 1, k 2 together, repeat around.

Draw remaining stitches together and fasten off on wrong side.

For the second finger, take next 7 sts from inside of the hand, cast 3 sts onto another needle, take the last 8 sts from the thread and pick up the 4 sts that were cast on for the first finger, 22 sts in all.

1st round—Knit plain to the 4 sts that were picked up, on them narrow twice, giving 20 sts in all on needles.

K 33 rds. Decrease now as directed for the first finger.

For the third finger take 7 sts from the inside of the hand, cast on 2 sts, take the next 8 sts from the thread, pick up 5 sts on the second finger, and knit 1 round plain, narrowing on the picked-up sts as in last finger. On 20 sts now on needles knit 30 rds and decrease as before.

For the fourth finger, take the remaining 16 sts and pick up 4 sts on the third finger. Knit 1st rd, narrow twice on the 4 sts, leaving 18 sts on the needles.

Knit 21 rds, then decrease.

For the thumb, take up the 15 sts from the thread, pick up 10 sts on those cast on for the hand, and knit 3 rds, narrowing at the beginning and end of the 10 sts that were picked up until there remain 20 sts on needles.

Knit 18 rds and decrease as for the fingers, except that four plain rounds are knitted after the first, decreasing, instead of three as in the fingers.

In making the second glove care must be taken to have the thumb at the opposite side of the hand. This is done by taking the first five thumb stitches at the beginning instead of at the end of the round.

Any combination of colors to suit individual taste may be used, but quite dark shades are preferable, such as greys, browns, or grey and blue or brown.

Alencon Lace

(Knitted.)

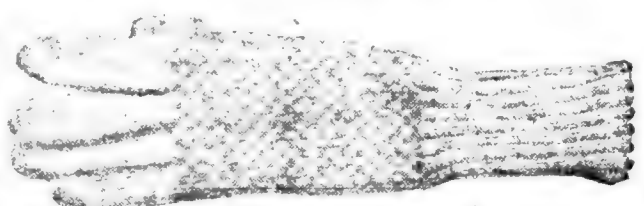
This is a narrow open-work edging. Cast on 10 stitches.

1st row—K 3, o, n, o twice, n, o twice, n, k 1.
2nd row—Throw the thread in front of the needle to make a stitch, then k 3, p 1, k 2, p 1, k 2, o, n, k 1.

3rd row—K 3, o, n, k 8.
4th row—Bind off 3 sts, k 6, o, n, k 1, repeat from the 1st row.

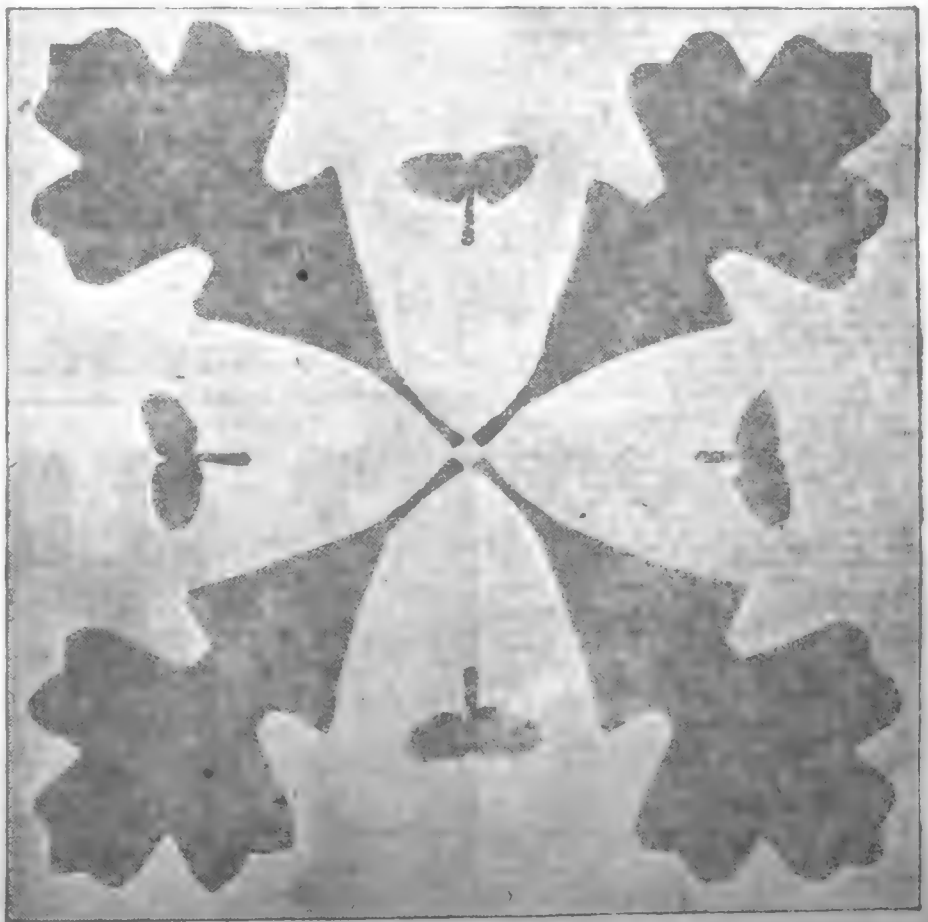
For Safety Pins

One large ivory ring, five smaller ones size of a cent, one yard baby ribbon. Tie this to large ring, thread through large one, through small one, back through large one, through second small one and so on. After all are threaded tie end to large ring. Hang up by large ring, now pull center small ring down lower than others, those on either side of it a ring size



MOTOR GLOVES.

shorter, and the first and fifth the same distance shorter. Tie ribbons just above the small rings and below the large one with a silk thread so they will remain in this position.



Another arrangement combining oak leaves and acorns. This clever design which we understand is original, was submitted by Mrs. Brent. Background unbleached, leaves dark green; acorns tan, caps colored closely with brown French knots. The stems are of brown in solid satin stitch.

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Cause of French Bitterness toward Germany Seen in War-Ruined Region

REGRETFULLY bidding adieu to the hospitable Swiss and their wonderful land of awe-inspiring beauty I departed on my return journey by airplane. I stopped off at Paris and during my stay at the French capital made an excursion to the battlefields of France where I spent two busy days in visiting the principal places of interest and observing the evidences of the merciless destruction wrought by the Germans.

The tourist companies have so systematized this trip that one can cover a vast amount of the battlefield area in two days. Great motor coaches start out from Paris, each accompanied by a guide, and in two days' time, and at an expense of less than \$25, including all hotel and other accommodations, one sees the more important towns and cities that were the scene of the awful carnage.

This battlefield service is being used by thousands of tourists. Visitors from England and America are getting a more intimate knowledge of the localities through which their armies fought. Perhaps most every visitor has one or more relatives or friends sleeping his last sleep somewhere in this devastated area.

It is not a trip of pleasure, for the realities of war are brought home too vividly. But it is a trip that gives one a better understanding of what our boys passed through. It also gives one a better understanding of some of the points of view of the French nation at the present time. With the memory of the hundreds of thousands who lost their lives at the hands of the German army, and with the hundreds of square miles of devastated country, there is great cause for the bitterness that still exists in the hearts of the French people.

The French Viewpoint

The French government has gone ahead and expended huge sums in reconstruction work in the devastated area, having borrowed the money therefor in expectation of being reimbursed from the war indemnity that Germany was to pay in accordance with the terms of the peace treaty following the World War. For the short war of 1870-71, although it was fought on French soil, the victorious Germans exacted from France a heavy money indemnity besides taking two of her richest provinces, and France paid promptly and in full. Now, however, Germany is not paying the installments due and overdue to France and claims she cannot raise the requisite cash. But the French assert that Germany's default is due to disinclination rather than inability to pay.

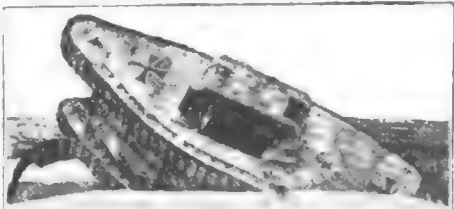
For a description of the scenes and objects that most impressed me on this tour of the battle-



AMERICAN CEMETERY IN BELLEAU WOODS, CHATEAU THIERRY.

As we continued our journey after lunch, a few miles away over on a side-hill are the gas-killed woods. The sight of all the dead and broken-limbed trees gives one a very vivid idea of how very deadly the fumes of the gas used by the Germans were, for when the woods were simply shelled they came to life and leaves came out again, but the gassed trees are dead and gone forever.

We pass a large Italian cemetery where 4,000 were killed on one hill and buried on the spot.

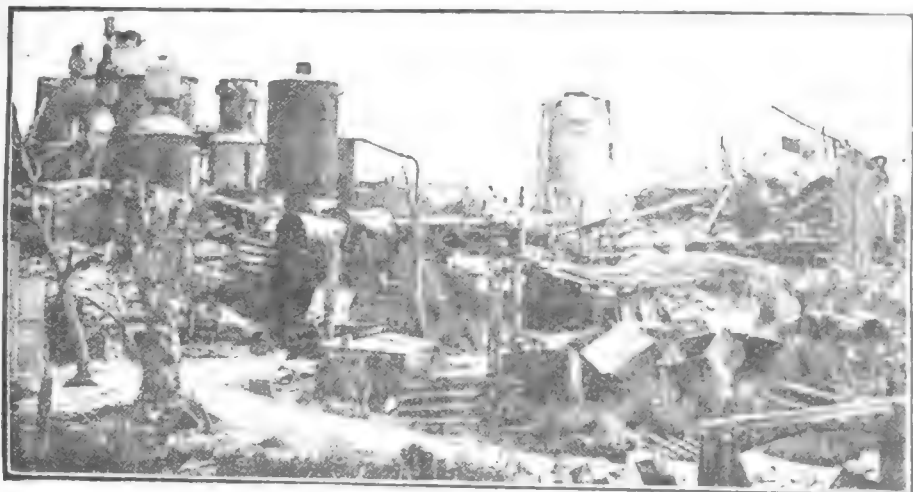


GERMAN TANK CAPTURED IN BATTLE IN FRANCE.

A stone wall encloses and a large Italian flag is flying, as they did not let the Germans pass.

The Roosevelt Grave

The Roosevelt grave is something over an hour's bus ride from Chateau Thierry. A beautiful large cement watering trough given by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt in memory of her son Quentin has been erected in the village of



RUINS OF SUGAR REFINERY AT BERRY-AU-BAC.

fields I give the following extracts from my diary written as we went along which give an idea of how comprehensive the trip was, although I could note down but a small portion of what I saw.

Tour of the Great Battlefields

As Noted in My Diary

August 18, 1922.—There were fourteen passengers of us on Cook's auto bus as we passed Joffre's Headquarters in the first drive on Paris of 1914, fifteen miles out from Paris. On the Marne, in the town of Meaux, 26 miles out, we visited a large cathedral where an anniversary service is held on Sept. 10 each year for the Victory of the Marne. The big Generals—Joffre, Foch, etc., all come here to commemorate the victory. The battle was fought a few miles away from this cathedral. We passed over bridges that were blown up in the late war (some of them three times during the past 100 years) and now rebuilt, and another bridge destroyed by Germans in their retreat in 1918.

Lucy le Boege, our first stop, shows ruins near Chateau Thierry, a boulder erected in 1918 for 2nd Division, ruins of a large church and many roofless stone houses. Others have been restored. Signs here reads, "American Cemetery Belleau." Found bullets in the road here, lying in among the gravel. We pass a French and German cemetery, the French having white crosses, and the Germans black.

At the Belleau Woods Cemetery there is an American flag flying and about 2,900 bodies of American soldiers were buried here, but about half have been removed. Each grave has a large wooden cross painted white with name of soldier, if known. But bodies are being taken from smaller cemeteries in other sections and brought here for reburial, as this place is to be walled in and made beautiful with flower beds and the art of the landscape gardener, making a permanent resting-place for the dead that have not been claimed by relatives in America.

The trees remaining in the Belleau Woods on the hill above the cemetery still look limble but are leaning out quite green, and the fields about here are filled with golden grain just being harvested. We are nearly seventy miles from Paris now at 12.30, having left Paris at 9 o'clock. 173

There is a register here at the Cemetery for all visitors to sign. Miss Longfellow, from Cambridge, Mass., a relative of Henry W. Longfellow, is among the number.

At Chateau Thierry

We lunched at Chateau Thierry at 1 o'clock at a little old inn, the front steps of which are badly broken by German shells. We crossed an iron bridge, the old stone one having been destroyed. The buildings here are partly destroyed and partly repaired and rebuilt, new red tiled roofs being put on to many of those partly destroyed. All houses are built of small stone, cement covered.

work of restoration that goes slowly but thoroughly on. The beautiful old city hall is nearly ruined but they are trying in some way to hold the elegant front of the building together and the cathedral itself is being first strengthened from the inside, and eventually will be put in shape to hold services.

A statue of one of the French kings stands near by unharmed as does the Joan of Arc statue. There are hundreds of large stone buildings that are mostly destroyed that are being cleared and slowly undergoing reconstruction. They seem to try and rebuild as near the old form as possible.

The wooden shed-like buildings erected in the parks are still being used for families who cannot get better quarters to live in.

August 19th

First place after Rheims, twelve miles away, is Berry-au-Bac, where there was a large sugar factory and quite a town, now nothing but shell holes and dugouts in a soft chalky sort of soil. A canal runs through the place. The French were in these dugouts until 1917 when the Germans breached in and placed big mines, blowing up the hill and destroying an entire French battalion, and leaving great craters that now look like an erupted Vesuvius. The trees and green that were once here are now just irregular chalk white hills, all shell holes. Mary Pickford visited here in 1921.

We went into the dugouts here at Berry-au-Bac.

There are great piles of barbed wire and corrugated iron all around. The locks in the canal that were destroyed have been rebuilt so the boats are running as of old and the bridges have been replaced. Only one or two stone houses have been built, all other buildings—one story—just sheds of wood.

Where there were great level battlefields of barbed wire entanglements coming to this town from Rheims, are now fine cultivated grain fields with piles of barbed wire all along the front as we pass on the road.

In Rheims there are a few wooden houses of one architectural style erected with modern improvements but the Germans prefer the old style houses, so will not be replaced.

Monument to the Tanks

There is a monument to the Tank Division near Berry au Bac, for it was near here that the tanks first got in their most deadly work against the Germans and made a great name for themselves. Along the Hindenburg line the barbed wire is still much in evidence and the cement gun emplacements still remain with their automatic closing concrete doors 16 inches thick. The land all through this district has not been reclaimed.

Here is where the heavy fighting took place all through the war. Germans captured the hill in 1918, only holding it for three days. This was formerly a beautiful village on a high hill where Louis XV had his special lady favorites so the road leading to the Palace where they resided thus named "Dames."

British, French and German cemeteries all here. The old Roman road has just been rebuilt. It was nearly destroyed by Germans and runs straight from Laon to Rheims. We passed along one waterless canal. Our guide pointed it out as the canal the Germans had dug. It has not been relooked and re-watered.

Soissons a Dirty Town

Soissons is a town of narrow streets and many inhabitants, and shows the same as any other town visited. Other buildings are in such a state of ruin and everything is a mess.

As we passed a large garage was former. A car was seen up in a row, sent over by a German for the first plowing of the great acreage of land for early crop raising. There is quite a field of beans now growing, but most of the land was laid down to grain which is now being harvested.

A small village within three miles of the town was the line of battle and nearly destroyed. There is a quarry of soft white stone used by also a large brick kiln, so their place is being speedily rebuilt in a very attractive manner by



AMID THE RUINS OF RHEIMS STANDS THE FAMOUS OLD CATHEDRAL.

combining the red brick with stone in quarried in large blocks five feet in size and sawed to the building. The stone was trim, and hard as after a while the air. Soissons was captured in 1914, and again in 1918, and finally captured it.

Barbed Wire Junt June

In coming here we passed towns that had been destroyed and running through battlefields where the barbed wire was standing, shell holes in all things is now grown up to wicked sight to see the destruction. Magnificent trees, some of which by the roadside and in the fields shells still hang in them, the vines of the ruthlessness of the ruins of one of the towns been housed and fed so big men, while they occupied it as quarters.

I did not have much idea of the region when I left home, but that I made the trip, for when I stand when they look at the left standing but killed and just what danger and hardship through to come over two roads. In retreating the Germans completely destroyed all the beautiful everything beautiful.

Villers Cotterets, where the driving the Germans to Soissons country, we find piles and piles of metal and other war stuff, planes and barbed wire.

This is a very productive soil, the grain crops are very large and all been cleared. This appears over France for it seems as if herself in giving these people a crop of crops to make up for the year was given a rest during the war. Many of the level grain fields and miles and remind one of a territory.

St. Chambray, a monument to the Marne, 1914, is the last shown



THE CELEBRATED STRASBOURG MONUMENT CONTAINS THE AMSTOWN

Paris. It is square, not very high stone and is at the junction of thousands of taxis came out from the night and landed five thousand to surprise the Germans in the turned them back on their retreat.

I Resume My Journey by Auto

Paris to Strasbourg, Alsace-Lorraine

Paris, Sunday, August 20.—After a day of ground hogging, I am again at six o'clock in the morning, the five-seater—or six with the pilot—only passenger, going from Paris to Strasbourg, which is about three hundred miles and is to be made in three hours.

The pilot motions for me to sit in the rear of the car and out in the back and hop to it, my regular planing for goggles. I supposed I would be enclosed body of the plane and prepared for an open-air ride. The plane has no side wings, but I seem to be right by myself, low in the seat, and hand on the top of my cap to keep it from flying off.

I was obliged to get up at 4:30. It is a ten-mile ride out here to the airport. They came for me in the auto, to be on hand to start at 6:30, the fast on the way out to the auto.

There is no air stirring on the ground up above, only what we stir up swiftly along. The sun is just rising directly for it, for we seem to be east, but soon feel a little to the west. I am sitting close to the compass and its every movement.

As we plane along I notice that to be the principal crop in the regions of France, and as it is so, it makes a very pleasing sight to the golden stacks. As we get on level country, we see more woods, but very little water. We see a thin fog hangs down over the water, just white clouds hanging ground. This is the case in the River, for only by the pilot did I know there was any river near enough to the river to distinctly notice. Nancy and the to it as we pass over. The plane we have gone over, it being about it is about one hundred miles when he was over here in 1918. So I took a good look at the sand feet below, but knew I was the city a lot quicker than I expected.

Black Forest Looms Up

We pass over quite a lot of this and soon come in view of the

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RAILROAD STATION AND DOCKS AT AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND, AS SEEN FROM AIRPLANE.

ains. This Black Forest looms up pretty big out we cross this great divide at the narrow end and are then in Alsace, 25 miles from Strasbourg, where everything looks more like vegetables than grain crops. We first cross over the battlefields of Lunéville and Olvricourt, which is as near as we got to the fighting territory on this trip, although we go near Commercy, Ligny au Bols, Barly Duc, St. Dizen, St. Mihiel, Chateau Thierry and Meaux.

Strasbourg is a wonderful old city of nearly 200,000 inhabitants, was founded in the year 15 and has many fine old buildings, the great Cathedral with its marvelous automatic clock sixty feet tall being the most famous, as it shows the history of Christ and His Apostles and many other incidents in the world's progress. It has not been repaired for eighty years and still runs, although nearly 900 years old. Great crowds go to see it at 12 o'clock noon as when it strikes at that hour all the figures work and they have a choir sing and organ play, just after the cock crows three times during the outcoming of the twelve disciples.

There is a good large aerodrome here in Strasbourg and it is certainly a beautiful and well-kept city. The spire to the cathedral is one of the tallest (nearly 500 feet high) and most beautiful Gothic work in all of Europe.

There is a wonderful old museum here that is filled with very ancient and historic mementoes. Some of the buildings are of the most beautiful architecture I have ever seen. I had seven hours to remain in town and enjoyed every moment of my stay. It is a clean, quiet city, and now that the French are in control everybody seems to be happy and satisfied.

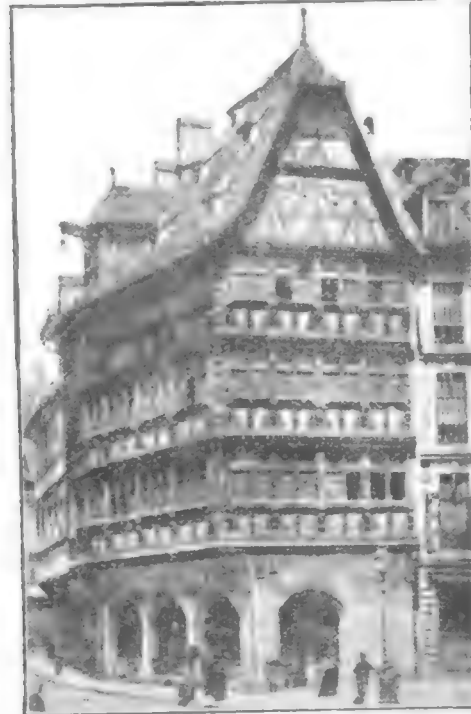
The post office building, which has statues of three German Emperors, looks quite imposing, only during the night of November 11th, 1918, when the Armistice was signed, they were behended by the Alsacians and now stand, three headless mementoes of the long German reign in this country.

The nearest I came to going to Germany was when I went out to take a look at Kehl bridge which spans the Rhine and separates Germany from France. It looked prosperous enough over there but I could not help contrasting the difference between this German territory and that in France, like Rheims and Soissons, all in ruins, that I visited only yesterday.

Had a fine return trip. One passenger we brought along came all the way from Vienna as this is a through line to Budapest, daily. We made the entire run of six hundred miles in six hours and got to Paris in season for dinner.

Paris to Brussels, Belgium

Paris, August 24.—We have a good day for our start for Brussels at 11:30. We are off in the same kind of plane as I went to Geneva in, but only five passengers and quite a lot of express packages. A man and his wife sit beside me who are natives of Australia but who now live in New York and have taken several air



HAMMERZELL HOUSE, STRASBOURG—A FINE SPECIMEN OF GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE.

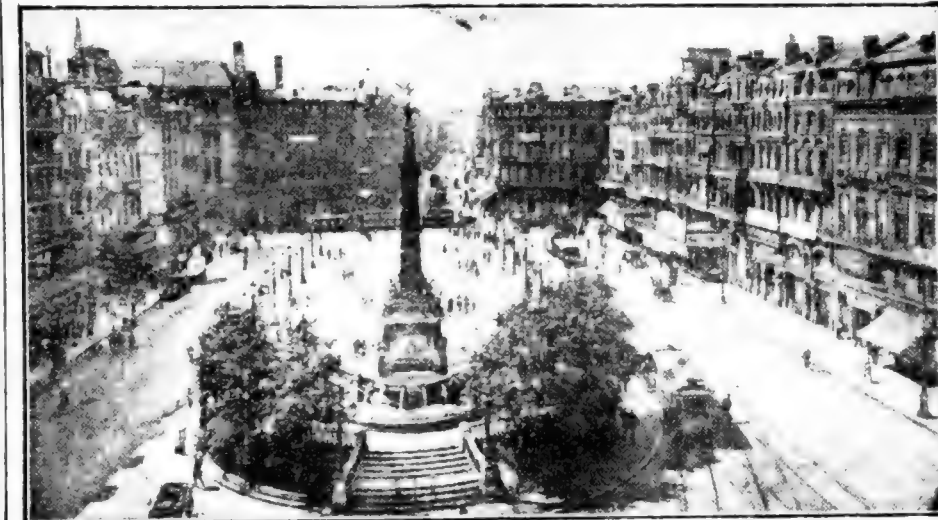
trips and think that's the way to travel. At 12 o'clock we pass over great stretches of forest and quite a large city on our left and river alongside. Going out of Paris we pass over the cities and towns of Compiègne, St. Quentin, Noyon, Mauberge, Mons, Braine le Comte. Did not go near the Argonne Forest so could not get a look at the place where the Armistice was signed.

We thought we were going to get a thrill as when flying about an hour, the pilot circled

around a bit and prepared to drop. We thought it was to be an enforced landing, so we were looking all around for a good place to select for the stop—but nothing seemed to happen and I motioned the pilot to indicate if we were going lower and he said "no," so suppose we came to this lower level to get below the clouds, and it enabled us to get a better view of the country also.

We land safely at the Aerodrome in Brussels in less than two hours from the time of starting. Brussels is a very large city as viewed from the sky and certainly seems big after we land. In the afternoon I get a guide and take a trip in an automobile seventeen miles out to see the ruins and reconstruction of this nearest town that the Germans burned just to terrorize the people at the beginning of the war and to get back at them for preventing their quick march across Belgium into France.

We pass the ruins of a large chateau, a few



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF LA PLACE DE BROCHERE, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.

miles from Brussels, that was burned because the owner was an officer in the Belgian army. The great Cathedral (St. Paul's) at Louvain was partly destroyed but is now being restored, while the very ancient and beautiful City Hall, near by, built in 1342, with its many elegantly carved statues standing all over the outside, was left untouched. There were 27,000 inhabitants here—over two thousand houses and stores burned, 219 men and women were killed at one time, shot by machine guns while they were standing against walls near railway station in 1914, and then buried in a little park near by. The buildings are built of brick and have mostly been rebuilt by the Government issuing bonds—three loans having been made—nearly all taken up by local people. There are 42 convents here and it is a college town as well. The white monks are also here—only the rich man can join this order.

The main roads in Belgium are all paved with granite blocks which have been found since the war. The road leading from Brussels that I autoed over is just straight for the 17 miles to Louvain as it possibly can be and runs on for hundreds of miles way into Germany. That is why they used it to march their millions of men over it—hard, level and smooth all the way through. Saw where Edith Cavell was shot in the shooting gallery in Brussels.

Gay Life in Evening

I was surprised to find so much gay life, especially in the evening. It is far ahead of Paris. Everybody seemed to be sitting out on the sidewalks in front of the cafes, eating, drinking and smoking—mostly drinking and smoking—for, as in London, all the women seem to delight in smoking cigarettes in public view. Having been through the long siege of war, they have now relaxed and they are trying to make up for the fun they lost in those trying times. They seem to have adapted themselves to the conditions. One notices the greater strides they have made in rebuilding the devastated towns than has been made in France. The people seem to have had money to take up the bond issues to help in the restoration. They have gone ahead without waiting for Germany to pay. They keep their standing army in good shape for they want to be able to help France to enforce payment of the reparations by Germany or to be ready for a fight in case of a showdown.

I noticed one thing in Brussels that I had not observed in any other city or country. This was the great artistically constructed iron telephone towers. They are fully 60 feet high and used instead of poles to sustain and carry the wires about the city. They being located so far apart I could not understand what prevented them from breaking. They don't have much snow or frost. There are many dance halls about the town, which can be visited at the low price of one franc admission. They have continuous music from two orchestras and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves for trotting. As a franc now

only means about eight cents in American money, one can see that a lot of entertainment can be gotten here for a small amount of cash, although the visitors are expected to buy light refreshment.

Brussels to Amsterdam, Holland

Brussels, August 25.—It has been a bit showery all night and through the day but we leave here at 2:15 and the sun is shining so guess we will reach Amsterdam all right. We have an entirely different type of car to go in—the Fokker—a five-seater, but it's a monoplane instead of a biplane such as I have been touring in and there are three seats abreast in the body of the car and two just in front of them with space for luggage alongside. It is much wider and more roomy than the closed automobiles—don't have to have any springs to the seats.

These planes are run from Holland and come across from Amsterdam and Rotterdam, meeting the other line from Paris. They are supposed to make close connections but sometimes there is a delay, of course, as is the case today, for I am sitting in the monoplane waiting for Paris plane to show up—it is now five minutes overdue.

This plane is fitted with life-preservers and first-aid outfit, also has a door up through the roof so the passengers can escape that way by pulling a cord and releasing the fastening in case of trouble on sea or land. This being a single engine, the propeller does not make quite so much noise but don't know that it rides quite as steady as a big biplane.

We pass several large cities in Belgium—Malins, Anvers, Eschen, and then come to a large fort situated on a small island near the frontier, and a lot of water shows up away off, and here we are in Holland.

The country changes very much in appearance—more white, chalky, sandy-looking soil and lots of woods—not many of the pretty looking towns with red-tiled-roof houses, but a more sparsely settled country.

We are flying pretty low so can get a good view of everything—can now see more large towns, and it is surely a flat looking country, but as we get further along it begins to look very picturesque with its dykes and the windmills showing up so clearly. There is a big fort on the shores of a wide body of water we just pass over, as I guess the "Dutch have really taken Holland," as the saying is, and are going to keep it. Some different flying over this country, surely, than it was in Switzerland.

We are landing at Rotterdam just an hour's run from Brussels—a little less than a hundred miles. Surely there are plenty of nice level green fields around here for landing—plenty of cows and sheep feeding.

An Eight Minutes' Stop

We land here for an eight minutes' stop. It is a big aerodrome and at Schiphol the building looks Dutchy. Just outside we get a good look at it quite near to as we take the air again, after

water when the trouble occurred—for it happened at just the right place.

We are again in the air and are now having a little sport so as to forget our near trouble, for a smaller monoplane than ours—a two-seater with a man and a woman in it are giving us a good race, and I can tell that the pilot is surely giving her the gas and "stepping on her" in good shape for we are gaily speeding along at a fine rate of speed and they don't pass us. But the fog is setting in and we will soon be in Amsterdam, anyway, so the race will be over very quickly, yet it is kind of exciting just the same for this is my first experience in fast airplaning, and for joy riding this way is great fun. No! but they have just gone by, so they won't. Now the other machine is playing with us—first going up—then down. My companions are clapping their hands at them as they come very close in, then seesawing along same as going over the witching waves. It seemed very tectery to watch the other aeroplane as they maneuvered their machine in following alongside of ours. They would drop way below and then rise—making long graceful curves the same as one would get in riding on the deep following waves or bounding billows of the great ocean, or riding on the roller coasters at Old Orchard—and the wind being with us made very fast going—lots over a hundred miles an hour. I was glad to have this little experience of what airplane racing is like.



MONOPLANE, CALLED A FOKKER, CARRIED MR. GANNETT FROM BRUSSELS TO AMSTERDAM AND LONDON.

I wave my handkerchief and the fair Dutch lady in the machine answers back very gracefully as they speed along—first behind and then in front of us—and now we are landing at Amsterdam at 4:15, two hours from Brussels, including two stops. The aeroplane racing us was a military plane with an officer and his wife. They landed when we did at Rotterdam and then followed us here and landed.

Well, I am at last in real Holland—the land of water, windmills and wooden shoes, and it is certainly picturesque, surely, when one sees a pretty Dutch girl riding along on her bicycle with her wooden shoes on, and so many of these little drawbridges for the people to ride over and the canal boats to pass by. There are more than a million bicycles going and coming, I should say, when the people are all returning from work. I would like to fly over Holland in tulip time, for it would surely be a lovely picture to look down on—so many blossoms as they grow here in the season.

Amsterdam to London

Saturday, August 26.—A bright morning greets me after the rather unsettled day of Friday, and I look out of my window at the Hotel Amstel-ton to many quick-moving steam canal boats passing back and forth. I get my fill of good, mild, soft Dutch cheese for breakfast and get ready to start for Schiphol Aerodrome for my flight to London via Rotterdam, staying over one plane at Rotterdam for a short look about the town before leaving in the afternoon for England.

We were about half an hour late starting from Amsterdam. They had to wait for the mail which they carry, but we have got the brightest day for traveling we have had for some time. It looks kind of odd to see so many little narrow canals separating the cow pastures. They build fences with water here instead of wire. I wonder how many canal and other boats there are here, but I learn that every third person owns a bicycle, so there must be a quarter of a million of them (yesterday I thought sure there were a million as there are 750,000 people living here. Naturally, there are quite a few accidents but the automobiles are not so very plentiful. I took a very fast ride in a nice speedy Packard coming from the Aerodrome to the city last night, so guess the speed laws are not very strict, but I felt nervous, although the roads were smooth, with brick pavements.

For companions I have Mr. and Mrs. Smith, from Cleveland, Ohio, who with daughter and son are going through to London this forenoon. It being their first experience in flying, they enjoy it very much, though, as we start out together. They seem to be a nice little family—all good sports, but the 18-years-old daughter seems to have led the way. She is now sitting beside me reading a continued story in the Saturday Evening Post of August 19th, and after having a good look at the country below, is thus serenely consuming home literature.

Short Stay in Rotterdam

We reach Rotterdam after half an hour's flying and as Mr. Smith is a bit nervous, this being his first experience in air travel, he prevails on me to go right along with them to London. In fact, as he afterwards acknowledged, he was scared blue and would have given up the trip if I had not been along with them. But as they are very agreeable traveling companions, I think I will enjoy the trip with them more than looking about Rotterdam for a few hours. This place

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looks even more "canally" and shipping-like than Amsterdam and almost as large. We have a half hour's extra stop here anyway as a slight oil leak developed and was repaired while we got some hot chocolate and light refreshments.

The pilot eventually decided to take a different plane as they don't stop the leak to suit him, and we finally start for London at 11:40, and I am pleased to have people to talk with, who thoroughly understand the English language. They seem to like to have me go along to keep their courage up, and we don't get a great way before Mrs. Smith gets air-sick as the ride gets to be quite bumpy. We pass The Hague at 12:15 and then cross quite a wide sheet of water and follow along the beach bordering on the North Sea for a long way, that has hundreds of breakwaters and dykes built out to hold the sands from being washed away.

We pass Heyst and Blankenberg, and soon come in sight of Zeebrugge, the base from which many of the German submarines worked.

Evidences of War

Evidences of the naval war are seen in the wrecks of several ships which were beached along the shore, some of them being quite large and half submerged. The sands show the ravages of battle in the form of huge shell craters. Then Ostend, with its many beach chairs and bathers in the surf. We are keeping right over the water all the way—quite a lot of sunken ships are seen along the shore. Then comes Newport and then more torn-up sand heaps, and then Dunkirk—another important war base, and finally Calais—quite a large city.

We have been going only about 1,200 feet high but now rise to nearly 3,000 feet as we cross the English Channel. The water looks very calm, so it is a good day to cross either by air or water, but it's more bumpy over land today than over the water, for both of the ladies in our party have been ill and I guess they feel they started on too long a trip for the first one in the air, and it being a monoplane, is not nearly as steady going as the larger biplane's that cross from other directions. It is a good test for air equilibrium to have others so air-sick sitting near me and to come through all right. They are not sick on sea while I am, so I can't quite understand the difference in the motion between an airship and a water-ship that affects different people in different ways.

We are just 17 minutes crossing the 26th miles of water which requires about an hour and a half by steamer, and the chalk hills of Dover look pretty nice to us as we get back over home into merry England. We notice a difference in the motion of the machine as soon as we get over the land for the bumps begin to take us, but we have not far to go now, so the bumps seem to be a lot more rocking about than I have ever felt before. Mr. Smith inquires quite often, it seems, not most there and he has all he can do to keep from being ill himself, while his 14-years-old son and I are having a great time and enjoying the motion.

We finally land safely at Croydon at 2:30, being two hours and fifty minutes coming the last two hundred and forty miles, but the women are about the sorriest looking people you ever saw—they had been so very, very sick, and say, "Never again," but I am invited to the Savoy Hotel to dine the next night after they have had a motor trip to Oxford and they seem quite pleased to think they have had that experience in air travel. I am quite struck with the Sunday air being here in London. Air travel is a thing especially, it is a very jazzy affair for small old London which formerly was very quiet Sundays. Why, in Amsterdam, public dancing is not allowed in any form on any night and I always thought that city was a very open town. They seem to go in strong for big movie shows in Amsterdam, as they have very large and beautiful theaters given entirely over to the cinema—they call it over here. In Paris the movie places are very small and not well patronized, but London has some large ones, only they are two years behind America in showing the big films. The "Four Horsemen" has just arrived.

Flew 2,500 Miles in 27 Hours

During the last five weeks I have had the delightful experience of having flown over 2,500 miles. This has occupied about 27 hours in the air and has been in eight different aeroplanes, and has been carried out in and over England, France, Alsace Lorraine, Switzerland, Belgium and Holland.

So well and so fast has this method of transport progressed that my various trips have been taken without any greater danger than would be encountered in covering the same number of miles by train and steamship. It has given me a far more comprehensive idea of the countries through which I have passed than I could ever have obtained in any other manner. And the travel has been accomplished so easily that I have absolutely no fatigue. To cover a stretch of 300 miles in a modern aeroplane leaves the traveler actually refreshed, rather than worn from the experience—unless he happens to get nervous and air-sick. That will in time be realized by more business men and travelers, until it becomes the general mode of getting about for all but few bad air sailors.

I did not have time to go to Germany, but have met large numbers of Americans who have been there. Great numbers of them went to Oberramstadt to witness the Passion Play.

They were nearly all well treated by the German people, though the prices were, without doubt, up in every instance when an American came in sight.

Some had had a little difficulty in bringing out articles they had purchased, but on the whole they complained very little.

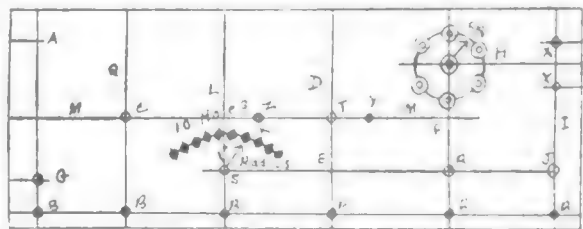


Construction of a Regenerative Set

PART III.

Laying Out and Drilling Panel

THE panel, which may be a piece of hard wood, asbestos board, hard rubber Bakelite or similar substance of known insulating qualities, is the next step in the assembly of the set. The dimensions of the panel will probably vary with the individual tastes of the various readers who attempt the construction of this outfit, but should at least be the same length as the base-board (16 inches). If hard wood is used for a panel it is suggested that oak be avoided as it contains acid which would somewhat affect its insulating value. Birch, maple or gumwood would be admirably for this purpose, and if a coat or two of varnish, well rubbed, be applied and allowed to dry well before the holes are drilled, a very neat looking instrument should result. If possible, however, procure a piece of Bakelite or hard rubber as better insulation will be assured. The antenna has been approximately at about a hundredth part of a fly-power; so it is quite apparent that there is no benefit to be derived from a leaky panel. As will be noted from the diagram (Fig. 5), the panel is 16 by 6 inches by $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick and must be drilled exactly as shown. The holes for a screw which hold the variable condenser in place are not shown as there are so many different makes of condensers which can be used that it would be impossible to supply this detail. Suffice it to say that any standard make of variable condenser having a capacity of .001 Microfarad (43 plate) will be well suited for the purpose, and it will be found a very simple matter to locate



the holes for the screws once the panel is obtained. The same problem is encountered in the case of the rheostat, there being dozens of makes from which to choose. The diagram shows the locations of the shaft holes for the antenna and tickler coil, the audio bulb socket, the rheostat, rheostat switch and binding posts. The row of holes along the bottom edge of the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch brass wood screws and may be countersunk so that the screw heads will come flush with the surface of the panel.

In the diagram (Fig. 5) all dimensions are figured from the left hand and lower edges. A and G are the holes for the antenna and ground binding posts respectively and are located on a line $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in from the edge of panel. A is $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the upper edge and G is $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the lower edge. Holes BBBBBB are 3-16 inch holes located on a line 5-16 inch from lower edge of panel and are for convenience's sake placed on the same center lines with those for the condenser, switch, tickler, etc. They are to take $\frac{3}{16}$ inch beveled head brass wood screws and should be countersunk, as before stated, in order that screw heads will not protrude from the surface of panel. The center lines for holes B, C, D and E are measured off from the left hand edge as follows: B by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, C by 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, D by 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, while the line F is measured 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches from line D. At the intersections of lines C, M and D a deep mark should be made with a prick punch to center the drill, also at the intersections on the line at BBBBBB. Hole S is located on line L at a distance of 2 inches from the lower edge of the panel and this same line also serves to locate the shaft hole for the rheostat and the binding for the telephone jack. Line L is measured $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in from the right hand edge and locates holes XX, J and B. Holes XX are spaced $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and 1 inch from the right hand edge respectively while J is at the intersection of lines E and L. The holes for the switch points are laid out as follows: I and K are spaced $\frac{1}{4}$ inch along which the eight switch points are set. The next step is to take a small pair of dividers and set them at about 5-16 inch, which should allow enough clearance at the rear of the panel for the nuts on the switchpoints. There being eight points, which is an even number, the dividers must be placed so as to exactly span the line L and a prickpunch mark is made at each point. Using these as points to work from, the other holes may be laid out, one at a time, and each should be prickpunched as soon as found with the dividers so as to provide a center for the next measurement with the dividers. When the whole operation is done there should be 10 holes—five on each side of the center line. The which are to prevent the switch arm from slipping off the last point at each end. The antenna sight holes are laid out in a similar manner, using the intersection of lines F and H for a center. This point should first be prickpunched and then a circle described at the point indicated. Then, using the same radius, step off six points on the circle which will just divide the circumference evenly into six parts, and make a punch mark at each point. Holes Y and Z are located on line M and are measured on this line as follows: Y is $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from line D to the right, while Z is $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to the left of line D. These holes relieve further reference.

We are now ready to drill the panel and will perform all operations exactly as indicated below. Note that we show size of hole and directly on it the particular operation to be performed.

Holes A and G are 3-16 inch, drilled only. Holes BBBBBB, 3-16 inch, are drilled and countersunk. Audio sight holes all $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, drilled only. Holes C, T and K are $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, drilled only. Holes D and Z are 3-16 inch, drilled and countersunk. Holes Y and S are 3-16 inch, drilled and countersunk. Holes J and B are 3-16 inch, drilled only. Holes XX are $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, drilled only. Holes XX will vary according to type of switch arm used. Holes for switch points and stops are all $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and should be drilled and slightly countersunk so that points

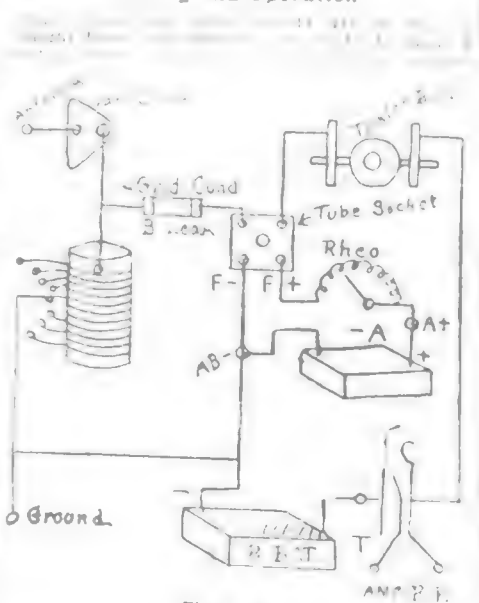
will seat firmly to panel. Switch stops may well be two pieces of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch brass rod $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long driven into the proper holes.

The Capacity Screen

The capacity screen consists of a thin sheet of tin or copper foil which is stuck to the rear of the panel with shellac or other adhesive and serves to prevent capacity effects from the body of the operator while tuning the set. The method of applying the screen is as follows: First lay the foil on a perfectly flat surface and with a smooth roller press out all possible wrinkles and air bubbles. Then give the rear of the panel a good coat of shellac and quickly touch a match to it. The alcohol and water in the shellac will burn off, leaving the surface very sticky. The foil is now carefully laid on the shellacked surface, and carefully rolled down smooth and should be allowed to dry thoroughly. Before mounting the various instruments, lay the panel face down and rub the foil hard with one finger until every hole in the panel shows up in sharp relief through the foil. Then with a sharp knife or a safety razor blade cut the foil away from the holes and leave at least $\frac{1}{4}$ inch margin to prevent any possible short circuit to any of the instruments or wiring except the ground lead or ground binding post, which is the correct place to connect the screen. Care should be taken that the capacity screen does not come in contact in any way with either side of the variable condenser circuit as this will render the set inoperative, it being advisable to cut away foil in the immediate area surrounding the metal parts of the condenser. The coil is mounted as follows: In the holes marked Y and Z beveled head 8-32 brass machine screws two inches long are set and are held firmly in place by means of a red fiber washer and a 3-16 inch brass washer and an 8-32 nut behind the panel. This leaves the two screws protruding straight back to the rear of panel and serves to support the antenna and tickler coils. On each screw is placed another nut at a distance of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the first one and a fiber washer, the inside tickler coil, another washer, a nut, and another fiber washer. The antenna coil is marked A and the tickler coil is marked T (Fig. 5). The antenna coil is placed on the tickler shaft will of course be inserted in the coil when coil is finally in place. The shaft will protrude through the panel (Fig. 5). The rheostat, variable condenser, jack and binding posts. The panel is then fastened to the base board by means of six brass flathead wood screws.

This makes a rigid and prevents chance of accidentally bending coil out of position. The tube socket is mounted about 1 inch directly back of the rheostat and in such a position that the terminal G (Grid) is nearest the start of the antenna coil. The antenna coil is placed on the tickler shaft will of course be inserted in the coil when coil is finally in place. The shaft will protrude through the panel (Fig. 5). The rheostat, variable condenser, jack and binding posts. The panel is then fastened to the base board by means of six brass flathead wood screws.

Wiring and Operation



right angle should be effected by means of a pair of small nose pliers. All wiring, except in the case of the leads to the switch, should be made with No. 14 tinned bare copper wire. The various connections are clearly indicated in picture-form (see Fig. 6), and we cannot see any possibility of an error if directions are faithfully followed. The two binding posts at the right end does not wish to use a phone plug, or an amplifier that the small circle near the rheostat represents the positive A or filament current binding post, the circle AB—, the common post for the negative A and B batteries and the circle B—, the grid condenser and leak is made up in one piece and must be bought from a radio dealer. The value of this condenser .00025 microfarads. When connecting the antenna coil taps to the switch points, No. 1 tap goes to the first point at the left, and continues in rotation until all are soldered on. A small piece of fine rubber tubing over each lead before soldering to the point. This short-circuits.

The dials should now be placed in their proper position on the condenser and tickler shafts and posts. If the polarities are correct a hissing sound should at once become apparent when the means of either the jack or binding posts XX. The switch is now set on any point and the con-

denser dial slowly rotated until a sharp hiss is heard. Then adjust the tickler coil which will give the most powerful volume. The antenna coil is very important and should be adjusted to tune on too much current and all signals included within the range of 1,000 meters.

The A battery is a standard storage battery, either an automobile battery, or a radio battery. The B Battery is a special 250 volt battery, must be bought from a radio dealer. It is making this set, if any reader experiences difficulty we shall be glad to hear from him and will give any details he may require.

Questions and Answers

Q.—What distance can music be heard on an Amos Senior set?

A.—We have heard approximately 1,200 miles and the best of conditions on this type of set.

Q.—Can I use the dry battery receiving tube set which was made to use Radiotrons?

A.—Yes. The dry battery tubes can be used in adapters will be necessary to put these tubes in the sockets.

Q.—What is the difference between radio frequency and radio frequency amplification?

A.—Radio frequency amplification is that which takes place before the incoming wave is rectified and audio is that which takes place after the wave is rectified.

Q.—Who is Station P W X?

A.—P W X is the broadcasting station at Havana, Cuba.

Q.—Sometimes while listening to a broadcasting station, I hear a continuous whistling and a buzz of it. If I change to some other station and hear this whistle so I don't think it is any set. Can you tell me the cause of it?

A.—As near as we can tell by your description the whistle is caused by two sending stations beating the same wave length.

Q.—In the set you are describing in this article what is the wave length and about what is the cost of building?

A.—The wave length of this set will be about 300 meters and the approximate cost will be \$35.

Q.—Is it true that the direction of the antenna has a great effect on the reception?

A.—Yes, the direction of the antenna has a great effect upon the reception, and to get the best results, the antenna should point towards the station you desire to receive, taking the lead off the opposite end.

Q.—What is the cost of the tubes which are used in dry cells?

A.—The tubes cost \$6.50 and can be bought at any radio dealer's.

Q.—The amateurs are supposed to send on 200 meters and the music on 800 meters. Why do I hear the amateurs and the music at the same time?

A.—This is because the amateur station is so near that you cannot tune them out, or else the amateur station is not properly tuned.

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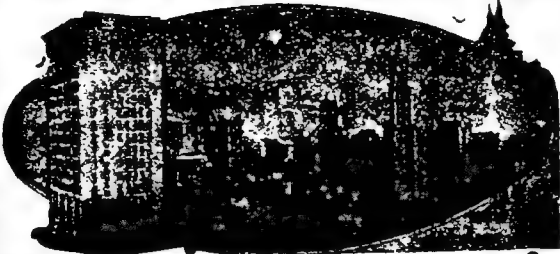
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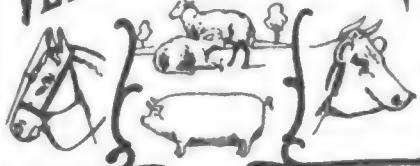
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Causes of Tail Rubbing

It is not generally understood that a foul condition of the sheath may cause a horse to rub persistently at every opportunity until the hair at the root of the tail is worn off and the skin made sore. Lack of exercise, inadequate grooming, over-feeding and standing in an insanitary stable are contributing causes. In all cases the gelding's sheath should be thoroughly cleansed when tail-rubbing becomes a habit. A "bean" of dried sebulous matter may also be found in a little sac near the opening of the urethra or urinary passage and should be removed. It interferes with urination and not only induces tail-rubbing but may cause the horse to walk and trot stiffly or have a straddling gait. Mares sometimes rub the tail for the reason that there is a foul condition between the teats of the udder and on each side of that organ. These parts should be cleansed, dried and well dusted with Fuller's earth.

Parasitic mites often are present in the worst form of tail-rubbing and itching mane. They invade the part when it is not kept clean. Scurf or dandruff forms quickly and thickly on the skin of the parts mentioned and offers a suitable condition for parasitic mites. Similar mites sometimes cause itchiness of the hairy legs of heavy draft horses. Lack of cleanliness and not drying off the skin after washing also favor that condition. Cleanse the affected parts, pour on and rub in a mixture of one part of kerosene and three parts of machine oil or cottonseed oil and then at intervals of three days apply freely a mixture of two ounces of flowers of sulphur, one-half ounce of coal tar dip and one pint of sweet oil or cottonseed oil. Make the horse take exercise every day he does not work. Groom him well daily. Lessen the grain feed when itchiness of the skin is present. Put a plank shelfwise around in the inside of the box stall, in which the horse should be stable, so that the root of the tail cannot be got in contact with the stall wall when the horse tries to rub. These measures of treatment should soon prove remedial.

Questions and Answers

ROYA MILK.—I have a full-blooded Jersey heifer which freshened just before she was two years old. She seems healthy, but her milk after standing two days is stringy and slippery. She is due to freshen in March. What would you advise me to do? I feel milk all right to drink.

A.—Bacteria (germs) in the milk often cause this condition. The water used for cooling the milk, the drinking pans, the usual sources of infection. Milk should be cooled and stored in a clean, dry place. It should be kept in a clean, dry place. It should be kept in a clean, dry place. It should be kept in a clean, dry place.

A.—Inflammation of the mammary glands (udder), technically termed mastitis, is popularly called "milk fever." It is characterized by swelling, heat, pain and tenderness of the udder and the milk becomes clotted and is usually very thick and opaque. It is usually accompanied by a bad odor. It is usually accompanied by a bad odor. It is usually accompanied by a bad odor.

A.—Gout has affected one quarter, ruined it for milk and so on. It is a very painful condition. It is a very painful condition. It is a very painful condition. It is a very painful condition.

A.—We suspect that small boy growths called splints have formed and as they do not cause lameness it would be best to leave them alone. If you prefer to treat the condition try the effect of tincture of iodine applied twice a week after clipping off the hair.

SORES ON CANARY.—Can you tell me what the matter with my bird and how to cure it? He is six months old, has sores on head which have been there since he was eight weeks old, his head has never been free of good, he kicks at sores continually, dark blood comes from next to bill, pus from another by that is soft. I have looked for mites and lice but found none. He sings well and seems healthy other ways.

A.—Cleanse the head perfectly with hot water containing the boric acid will dissolve. Afterwards dust the sores with boric acid and repeat the treatment once or twice a week as found necessary.

DISEASED COW.—I have a Jersey cow which freshened last September. She is poor. She eats heartily, but has a cough. I feed her bran and cottonseed meal. Before this she gave three gallons of milk a day and now gives about three quarts and the milk doesn't have much cream on it.

A.—This cow is probably badly affected with tuberculosis which is contagious and incurable and makes the milk dangerous for use by man or animals. We should advise destroying her at once. If you do not care to do that, have the tuberculosis test applied by a veterinarian and if the cow reacts, dispose of her as the humane man advises as she may be able to get some return from the money from the state. Meanwhile isolate the cow, reject her milk and cleanse, disinfect and whitewash the stable she has occupied.

AILING MARE.—I have a mare, six years old, that had a colt last May. Soon after the colt was born she began losing flesh. She has a good appetite and eats anything I feed her, but appears to be easily choked, trills. Please advise me what to do.



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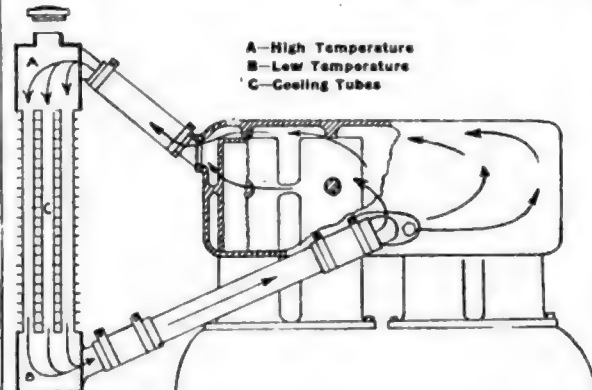
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Cooling System

MOST everyone is aware that when the engine is in operation intense heat is generated in the cylinders and that some means must be provided for carrying away at least a portion of this heat so to prevent damage to the cylinder walls, pistons, etc. This is accomplished by air on some engines but the more common practice is by water. Surrounding the cylinders are metal jackets through which water is kept in circulation and in this manner a sufficient portion of the heat is carried away. Since the water as it passes through the jackets is considerably raised in temperature, it is necessary to provide means for lowering the temperature of the water as otherwise it would soon raise to the same temperature as the cylinder wall and there would be no cooling effect. The cooling of the water is accomplished by passing it through the radiator. The common construction of the radiator is two tanks, one upper and one lower, which are connected by numerous fins or strips of metal. After the water enters the upper tank of the radiator it flows through the small tubes into the lower tank. As water passes through these tubes most of the heat is communicated to the surrounding fins. The fan draws a current of air around these fins and carries off most of the heat. It will be realized that in the manner just described there is considerable lowering in temperature of water after leaving the upper tank and entering the lower tank. The water, being of much lower temperature than the cylinder walls, continues to carry off the heat and in this way proper cooling is obtained. When the thermosiphon system of cooling is used a larger radiator in comparison to the size of the engine must be used than would be the case if the pump circulation was employed. Larger tubes between the upper and lower tanks are also needed because the water simply gravitates through the tubes. When pump circulation is used smaller tubes are possible as the water is driven instead of just flowing. The action of the tubular radiator has just been described but there is another type



COOLING SYSTEM WITH TUBULAR RADIATOR.

known as the cellular. As the name would imply, cells are used instead of tubes and no fins are needed. The fan draws air between these cells and reduces the temperature of the water by carrying away the heat from the walls of the cells.

Up-to-Date Fools

I heard a very learned man remark recently at a dinner that he had that day driven by car from his own city about 40 miles distant and almost had heart failure several times on the trip due to careless driving on the part of other operators. He ended by saying, "At one time fools blew out the gas, now they step on it."

Six-Stroke Cycle Engine

Several times I have received inquiries relative to more efficiency being obtained from the present internal combustion motor if some means were provided for better cleaning the cylinders of the exhaust gases. One or two of these inquiries contained a hint of some idea which the writer was considering bringing out. There is no doubt about more efficiency being gained if all the exhaust gases were swept out of the cylinders, and while I do not know what plans were entertained by the writers, I wish to make clear that engines having a six-stroke cycle have been tried out in an experimental way but have never proven sufficiently satisfactory to warrant their manufacture. This type of engine required six strokes of the piston to complete the work of delivering one power impulse to the crankshaft. The piston completed the same work as the piston in the four-stroke cycle motor, i. e., suction, compression, explosion and exhaust. In addition, the piston completed two more strokes, one for admitting a charge of fresh air into the cylinder and the other stroke for expelling the air. While it will be readily recognized that this method thoroughly cleaned the cylinders, it must also be taken into consideration that instead of three idle strokes as is now the condition, the six-stroke cycle had five idle strokes. To compensate for such a condition it was necessary to build a large engine, etc. The writer is not aware of all the problems which confronted the engineers in their endeavor to develop this type of engine, but for the benefit of those who were considering the introduction of more strokes to thoroughly clean the cylinders, I submit the above information.

Helpful Pointers Hard Starting

One of the common causes for hard starting on cars having the roller type timer and vibrating coils is the congealing of the oil on the timer during cold weather. On one popular make of car using this type of timer, lubricant is recommended and in fact is essential to its proper operation. Under certain conditions (cold weather for example) the oil may form a coating between the roller and the contacts. The remedy is to remove the timer cover and wipe the housing and roller with a cloth wrung out of gasoline, the purpose being to cut away the hardened oil film and give good contact.

Frozen Water Pump

If the car is equipped with the pump system of water circulation never turn the motor over if there is any doubt as to whether or not the water is frozen. Should the water be frozen, turning over the engine would probably cause shearing of the key on the pump impeller or gear. Usually a drain cock is placed under the pump and when there is doubt as to the state of the water it is well to open the cock and note whether

water runs from same. If the drain cock is clear and no water runs from it when open then the indications are that the pump is frozen and it should be thawed out by pouring hot water over it. When certain that the pump is thawed out it is safe to turn over the engine.

Specific Gravity

The specific gravity of the electrolyte affords one of the best indications of the exact condition of the storage battery. The specific gravity of a liquid is a weight comparison with distilled water. At 60 degrees Fahrenheit distilled water is considered to be 1 and comparisons of liquids are made with distilled water as 1. Any liquid which is heavier than distilled water is said to have a greater specific gravity, while lighter liquids have a lesser specific gravity. The electrolyte in the storage battery is heavier than distilled water and this accounts for the reading of 1.275 of a fully charged cell.

Cold Weather Effect on Battery

Care should be taken during the cold weather to keep the storage battery properly charged. Neglect to heed this suggestion will probably prove expensive to the owner as the electrolyte in the battery will freeze under certain conditions. Should the electrolyte drop to specific gravity 1.120 it will freeze at about 20 degrees above zero. It has been determined that a specific gravity reading of 1.210 causes the electrolyte to freeze at 20 degrees below zero, etc. Unless the garage is heated the battery should be kept well charged. If the battery is stored for the winter it should receive an occasional freshening charge as outlined in a preceding issue.

What Is Electrolyte

Most everyone knows either from experience or advice that electrolyte from the storage battery should not be allowed to come in contact with clothing due to its eating action on the fabric. Electrolyte is the term given to a mixture of distilled water and pure sulphuric acid. The distilled water is first poured into a glass or porcelain container and the sulphuric acid added in very small quantities. When the acid and water combine a great deal of heat is generated. This is the reason that water is not added to the sulphuric acid as this procedure would cause a dangerous spattering of the acid. The acid should always be added to the water and never the water to the acid.

Cable Sizes

When necessary to replace cables in the electrical circuit be sure to obtain ones of the same size. The size and length of cables must be considered as otherwise they may afford resistance which will affect the efficiency of the system. For example, the starting motor consumes a great deal of current and for this reason large cables are usually sent directly to it from the storage battery. It will also be noted that the cables are usually short ones. It is always best to assume that the manufacturer has determined the proper sizes and lengths to use and, when replacement time comes, endeavor to duplicate the sizes originally installed.

Low Test in One Cell

Should a specific gravity reading be taken of the storage battery and one cell is found to be lower than the others the condition may be due to a cracked jar which has allowed the electrolyte to leak out, an improperly sealed jar which has permitted slopping of the fluid, or worn out insulators causing a short circuit.

Answers to Correspondents

GEARS GRIND IN SECOND.—Please tell me what makes my Overland 4 (1920 model) grind in second gear. Otherwise the car has good power.

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A.—Removal of the transmission cover and examination of the gears should quickly solve your difficulty. If the grinding is only noticeable on second gear then the indications are that the gears do not mesh properly or that the gears are worn and one or both gears need replacing.

GOES JERKY RUNNING SLOWLY IN HIGH.—My 1918 model Ford jumps in running slowly in high gear. It seems as if the magneto turns nearly over before it catches. If the magneto is loose how am I to get it to tighten it?

A.—I do not understand the condition referred to when you state that the magneto turns nearly over before it catches the engine or wheels. It is my belief that you endeavor to idle down and the engine misfires and the action is jerky. It may be possible that the magnets are too far away from the fields for strong, constant current at slow speeds. If you are after absolute smooth operation at slow speeds, you will have to tune up the coils, magnets, valves, carburetor, etc. I do not believe that the magnets are loose but should you desire to get at them will state that the motor must come out of the car and the lower half of the crank-case dropped.

THRUST WASHERS WEAR BADLY.—Please tell me what kind of solder to use for soldering brass and copper especially the Ford radiator. (2) I cannot run my 1919 model Ford more than about two months until I have to put new thrust washers on the rear axle. Please let me know the cause of this trouble. (3) How much horse-power is there in one thousand pounds of air pressure? H. C. M., Pendleton, N. C.

A.—The average solder which you purchase from the store is 50 per cent. tin and 50 per cent. lead. This solder will serve very well for the purpose you outline. Regarding the wearing out of the thrust washers on the sides of the differential, wish to state that although these parts do wear out, they should last considerably longer than two months. Providing you are not installing inferior parts, I can only assume that something is out of alignment to cause such rapid wear. The axle shaft may be sprung, which would cause sort of a chewing action on these thrust washers. I am certain that the difficulty is not due to material, providing you are using genuine parts and have properly installed them.



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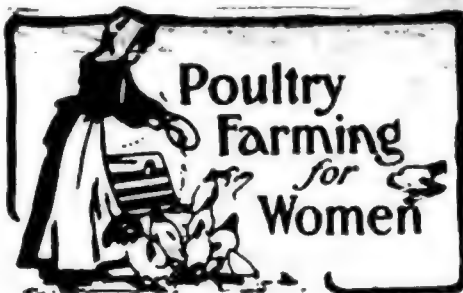
Regarding the horse-power question, I will endeavor to explain in an early issue just what horse-power is, and in this way I believe you will gain a better understanding.

PISTON RING CLEARANCE.—What is the proper clearance for piston rings in 1921 model Maxwell car? (2) Would Maxwell rings or any other make of rings be best for my car? W. H. M., Elmira, N. Y.

A.—I do not know what clearance the Maxwell people recommend for the pistons, but as regards the rings you will probably agree that little if any clearance is permissible as they must hold compression. I believe firmly in purchasing genuine parts made by the makers of the car as you thus know that the parts have come up to the manufacturer's requirements.

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BY KATE V. SAINT MAUR.

The Care of Eggs for Hatching

Of course there is no longer any question about the advisability of using an incubator to do the hatching. If one desires to achieve success with poultry, hens cannot be relied upon to set early in the season, and it is the early hatched chick which develops into the early laying pullet and the early broiler or fryer. Every one knows that eggs in the early winter bring the highest price, and that the price of young table birds is higher in May and June than at any other season. There really is not as much time or trouble in running an incubator as there is in looking after ten hens who are setting, and at the very best, could only hatch out one hundred and thirty chicks, while an incubator holding three hundred eggs, at the very least estimate, would give one hundred and fifty chicks, and an ordinary hatch would produce two hundred and twenty-five; and that just when they are most valuable, instead of having to wait for old hens to get broody. Many of our readers write to me each year about poor hatches that they have had in incubators. Even at the cost of being considered unkind, I must say that in most cases they are to blame, not the incubators. The modern incubator is a wonderfully simple machine, and works almost automatically, but it has its limitations. First of all, it is inanimate, and can't cackle or make a noise when left without oil or sufficient

ventilation, as any old biddy can, and does if she is not supplied with feed and water at regular intervals. Then another point in which the incubator is even more often badly treated, is the quality and age of the eggs entrusted to it to hatch. On a farm, there are seldom more than two or three hens wanting to hatch at the same time, therefore the eggs given to them are only from five to twenty-four hours old, whereas in the case of an incubator, they are often as many days old, because few farm flocks are laying very heavily in February and March, so eggs have to be saved and held over until enough can be collected to fill a machine, and even the smallest incubators take about sixty eggs. Now, keeping eggs for two or even three weeks does not matter at all if they are kept in the right way, and carefully selected. But, as a matter of fact, not half the eggs put into a machine on a farm are in a condition to hatch. Professional poultry keepers know the importance of mating, feeding, and care of the egg before it is put into a machine or under a hen; the amateur, as a rule, ignores all these points, and then blames the incubator for a poor hatch.

Mating and feeding of breeding stock we have gone into pretty fully in the fall numbers of COMFORT, so we will now take up the matter of keeping and selecting eggs. First of all, as many diseases are transmitted through the medium of the egg, it is important that the breeding stock should be in good health. Second, there must be a sufficient number of male birds running with the hens for ten days before the eggs are to be saved for hatching. Nests must be cleaned, and the nesting material fresh. Old musty hay or other such material is sure to be infested with spores which cling to the shell of eggs and inoculate the chicks with disease germs even before they are hatched.

Fourth, eggs must be collected several times a day in cold weather to prevent them being chilled. Fifth, eggs must be kept in an even temperature of about 55 degrees, and placed in wire trays or shallow boxes filled with bran. They should be placed small end down, and turned over every day if kept more than forty-eight hours. Any last, before filling the incubator, the eggs should be carefully sorted and tested.

While testing of incubation eggs generally refers to tests made on the seventh and eighth days, it is well also to make a pre-incubation test. The candling is done in a small, dark room, or in the cellar, where eggs are quickly placed before a shaded light and the interior ones removed. In the pre-incubation test there should be removed (1) any eggs with weak or defective shells, such as those containing blind chicks, (2) any eggs with bloody yolks, or albumen, or interiors abnormal in appearance, indicating bacterial infection, (3) or any eggs with abnormally darkened yolks or enlarged air cells indicating too much age or improper care since being laid. Many poor hatches would be prevented if the eggs going into the incubator were more critically scrutinized and the poor ones eliminated. If eggs found to be in the above classes are incubated they should be plainly marked or recorded and their condition noted at the final judgment day (twenty-first day).

What is known as the first test during incubation is usually performed on the fifth or sixth day for white eggs, and on the seventh or eighth day for brown eggs. The reasons for testing the eggs at the end of the first week are as follows: (1) to know the degree of the fertility of the breeders at the earliest date possible, especially in the early part of the incubation season. Perhaps changes in males will be necessary, and a week or two is invaluable at this season; (2) to remove the infertile eggs, which, if carefully tested, have a relatively low market value when sold for household or bakery cooking; (3) to remove blood rings and other forms of dead germs, that the contents of the egg may not deteriorate and cause bad odors to be given off in the incubator; (4) if infertile and dead germs are removed early it not only makes the turning of the eggs more easy, but prevents an unrepresentative temperature being indicated by a contact thermometer which would be influenced by the cooler eggs.

With a little practice one can easily recognize the infertile eggs since the interior appears perfectly clear when placed before the candle. The dead germs appear as a lifeless mass sometimes floating and sometimes stuck to the shell membranes. Other dead germs appear as blood rings, in some the dead mass appearing in the center of the ring and in others showing only the blood ring, as the germs died very early. The live germs appear as large spiders with blood red bodies. The body part is the developing germ and multiplicity of legs in the circulation system, gathering food and oxygen for the embryo chick.

The second test is made about the fourteenth day. At this time any germs that have died since the seventh day test should be removed. Blood vessels and interlining pink membranes, by the smallness of the germ, and by the general sick appearance of the contents in contrast with the healthy appearance of a live germ. A well-developed germ will also cause the larger portion of the egg to appear more opaque.

our special needs, it is well to send for it as quickly as possible, as there is always a great rush for machines early in the spring, and unless your order is in early, you may have to wait some time. The next point is to decide where you are going to locate the machine when it arrives. The cellar is the best place, because the temperature varies there less than in any other part of the house; but if for any reason the cellar is not available, a room on the north side of the house is the next best place.

Most of the modern wooden machines are sent out in a half knockdown condition, to lessen the freight expense, and also because they can be packed more securely. The firms send printed instructions for setting up and running, also the necessary screws for attaching the fixtures, but they don't emphasize all the important points quite strongly enough for amateurs. For instance, most people can't drive a screw home accurately, and fail to realize that if the head is slightly to the right or left, it throws the fixture which is being attached to the machine out of plumb, and when lamps and regulating apparatus are concerned, that is disastrous, if not fatal. I suffered rather heavily through neglect of this point, and for that reason warn others. It is so easy to get some handy man or boy to help you, and it may save a lot of trouble and disappointment. Next, the machine must stand perfectly level, or the heat will not be distributed evenly throughout the egg chamber; so it is well to borrow a carpenter's spirit level, instead of trusting to appearances.

But it is not until it comes to adjusting the thermometer that goes inside of the machine to the regulating arm that fits into the pivot at the top of the machine that extreme accuracy is necessary. There is a wire connecting rod which runs through and connects, and on whose nicety of responsiveness to pressure depends the self-regulating possibilities of the modern incubator. Unless its passage through the several attachments is uniformly even and free from friction, the value of the thermometer is lost. This will be obvious when the method of controlling heat is understood.

The thermostat is composed of a combination of such metals as aluminum and steel. Being extremely sensitive to heat, it expands and contracts to every fluctuation of heat within the incubator. The regulating arm has a counterbalance ball at one end and a metal disk at the other, and when it rests on the pivot which is fixed at the top of the machine, the disk should be suspended directly over the lamp chimney. The connecting rod has two nuts at the top, and one at the lower end; the latter is removed entirely, and the former loosened to the extremity of the rod before it is run through the regulator arm and pivot on the exterior, and through the hot air space and thermostat in the interior of the machine, at which point the lower nut is replaced and screwed up to hold the thermostat closely against the burlap ceiling to the chamber.

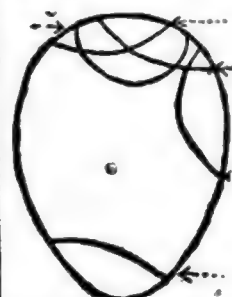
After the lamp is lighted and the machine heated to 102½ degrees, the top or regulating nut on the connecting rod, immediately above the regulator arm, is screwed until the disk is raised one-fourth of an inch above the chimney—such an adjustment being considered by manufacturers and expert operators as being the most desirable for incubation. The machine once being "set" for this degree of temperature, any excess of heat causes the thermostat to expand, which makes it press on the lower nut of the connecting rod, so instituting a tension that influences the regulator arm at the point of balance, raising the lamp chimney in sympathetic conjunction with the thermostat.

Reverse the conditions to a dying lamp, or a sudden cold wave, and of course the thermostat contracts, and general release of pressure allows the regulator arm to resume a normal balance, which permits the disk to lie closely down on the chimney. It will be readily conceded that on a correct adjustment of the machine before starting development of the operator's peace of mind and subsequent success. The incubator being properly located, fill the lamp, light and hang in place, using only a moderate flame at first. Leave all the ventilators open for a few hours, to thoroughly air the machine; then close and adjust the regulator so that an even temperature of 102½ degrees, with a disk one-fourth of an inch above the lamp chimney, is steadily maintained for twelve hours before setting the eggs. Patience and scrupulous exactness at first will save accident and loss later.

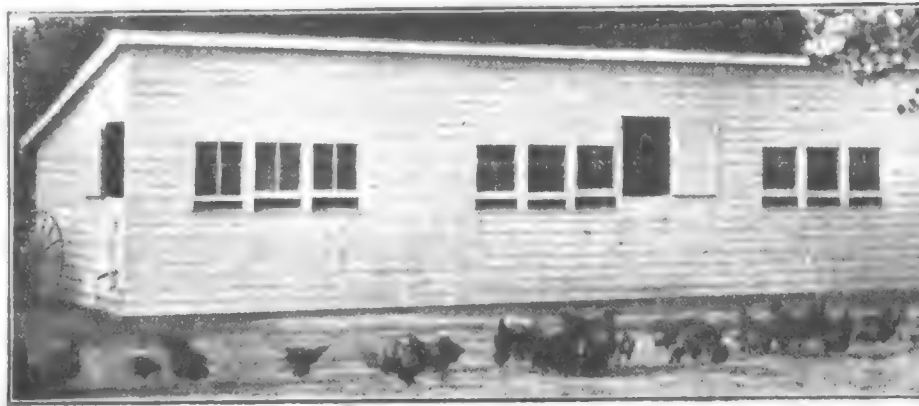
The main points to remember in running an incubator are: First, temperature. The best temperature is known to be from 102 to 103 degrees on the fertile egg. A great variation from this, either high or low, not only reduces the number of chicks hatched, but reduces the vigor and fertility of those which get out of the shell. A high temperature running continuously throughout the hatch results in an early hatch, and is apt to be accompanied by weak youngsters, while a low temperature results in a prolonged hatch and poor results. An ideal hatch is one which, due to uniform temperature, starts on or about the twentieth or twenty-first day, and is completely over within from twelve to twenty-four hours.

A second factor, of equal importance in the management of the incubation, should be the supplying of fresh air. The growing embryo needs a full supply of oxygen, without which the embryo cannot grow normally. This oxygen can best be supplied to the egg by causing fresh, pure air to flow into the machine and into the air chamber. This ventilation, as it is called, must take place continuously, but without any rapid movement would cause a too rapid evaporation of the egg content.

Another consideration of equal or greater importance is the necessity of maintaining the moisture at such a point that excessive evaporation will be prevented. If, due to dry atmospheric conditions, evaporation takes place rapidly, much of the contents of the egg, which otherwise would go into the chick, is given off into the air, and the result is underdeveloped chickens at hatching time. The big, heavy, fluffy youngsters can only be produced where a fairly high humidity is contained



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A third test on the eighteenth day is advisable if one intends to pedigree hatch, as this will save, especially in the early season, extra labor on chicks that will only remain in the shells. With brown eggs it is more difficult to distinguish the dead germs, especially if the previous tests have been properly done. Usually, however, there will be, especially with weak, or late dead germs, an area of membranes near the air cell which is not covered with the shadow of the embryo. If such an area is seen, one can readily tell whether or not life exists, by the presence of blood vessels in the area. Generally the darker in appearance on the eighteenth day and the more completely the egg is filled to the air cell, resulting in opaque appearance, the stronger and better the embryo. In case of doubt the egg should always be retained. After selecting the egg, of course, comes the incubator which is to do the hatching. Having decided on the size of the machine best adapted to

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Mrs. C. H. K., Minnesota.—Unless you have been legally adopted by the judgment or decree of some court of competent jurisdiction, we do not think you have any inheritance rights in your foster parents' estates, unless some provision is made for you by will.

Mrs. D. P., Nebraska.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving no child nor descendant, his widow, after payment of debts and expenses, would receive one-half of both the real and personal estate, and in addition thereto certain small allowances from the personal property; we think any vested interest the decedent might have in the estate of an ancestor would be divided as a part of his estate, but we do not think his parents nor have any inheritance rights in their estates, unless he survived them and became vested with an interest in their estates, in which event his widow would receive her share of his interest as well as her share of whatever other property he left.

J. W. McK., Kansas.—If your debtor refuses or neglects to pay his indebtedness to you it will be necessary for you to bring an action against him to enforce the payment of the debt; if, however, he has no property you will be unable to collect.

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Mrs. J. B. H., Missouri.—We think your mother's will should have been probated at once after her death, and if your brother has held same from the records for 18 months after her death, you should bring a proceeding against him to compel him to file same.

Mrs. R. S., Indiana.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that an application should be made to your local courts for the appointment of a committee or guardian to attend to the business affairs of the man who has become mentally incompetent; we do not think his wife has any legal right to sign his name to check or drafts for the drawing of his bank accounts without such an appointment.

V. W., Texas.—We think you should have an examination made of the records of the county in the state where the property you mention is situated in order to determine the name of the present title holder.

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J. N., Pennsylvania.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that actions for injury wrongfully done to the person where the injury does not result in death must be brought within two years.

Mrs. W. S., Iowa.—Under the laws of California, we are of the opinion that all property, both real and personal, of either husband or wife, owned before marriage, and all acquired afterwards by gift, bequest, devise or descent, and the rents, issues and profits thereof, or of the separate property, and may be sold, conveyed, mortgaged, encumbered or assigned without the consent of the other spouse; but all other property acquired after marriage by either husband or wife, or both, including real property situated in this state, and personal property wherever situated, acquired while domiciled elsewhere, which would not have been the separate property of either if acquired while domiciled in this state, is community property, and the husband has the management and control of such community personal property with power of disposition, other than testamentary, as of his separate estate, except that he cannot dispose of same without valuable consideration, or sell or encumber household furniture or wearing apparel of the family without written consent of the wife; and the husband has the control of the community real property, but the wife must join in any instrument conveying or encumbering any interest greater than a lease for one year. (2) We think your creditor is entitled to the cash payment of your debt to him, unless he is willing to accept the property you mention in payment of such debt.

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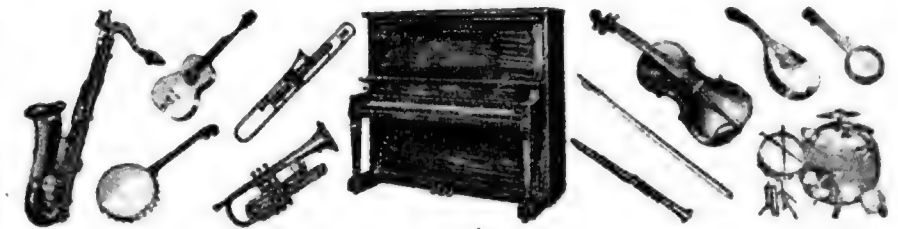
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Mrs. O. S. P., Washington.—Under the laws of your state, we do not think that the parents are liable for the payment of a bill for medical services rendered their adult children unless such parents have obligated themselves for the payment of the same or unless such adult child has always been a physical or mental incompetent.

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Mrs. A. F., Maine.—Under the laws of your state, and in the absence of an agreement to the contrary, we do not think your husband can substantiate a charge against you for the support of your child by a former marriage. (2) We think you should have made an agreement in writing as to the conditions of the transfer of your real estate to your husband.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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and for sale. This is a new country and people come and go. There's plenty of work in camps, and as housekeepers for women. The climate is healthy, lots of game. Wages are good and if a man isn't afraid of work and wants a start it is a good place. There is a school at Lost Lake and a store. There's lots of land with wild hay and part can be cleared and planted to grain. Write to the Land Office at Peace River, Alta., for maps and information. Otherwise I would love to hear from you but I can't promise to answer personally. Anyone wishing to come up here could write to The Immigrant Agent, Port of Call, Alta., for settlers' rates and half-fare ticket information. When in Port of Call or Edmonton or Lethbridge, inquire for the Immigrant Hall, where one can stay until your train goes. The best time to come is in the spring, not later than March as the roads get too soft. The winter is the best time to get out logs for building. Automobiles can come as far as Edmonton, but will have to be shipped 300 miles to Peace River, which is a small town. The trees here are birch, spruce, alders, tamaracks and poplars. Some lakes have fish. A homestead consists of 160 acres. A widow with dependent children can file. Taken from three to five years to prove up. Land improved sells for \$1,000 to \$5,000, unimproved from \$500 to \$1,100 per 160 acres.

Mrs. A. M. ALLEN.

ALPENA, MICH.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS: I never will be able to express how happy I was to find my letter in the Sisters' Corner in the October number of our dear COMFORT. I was almost discouraged and thought my letter went into the waste-basket for I sent it quite a while ago. Thank you, dear Mrs. Wilkinson, for your kind answer to my letter. I am so glad to be welcome among the sisters and how I would love to know our "mother" for isn't Mrs. Wilkinson like a mother to us?

I have received hundreds of letters from the sisters but cannot answer all of them. I want to tell them through COMFORT that I did enjoy reading the letters and am sorry I cannot answer every one of them. I answered quite a number and made some good pen friends all over the United States. I left the farm and am now living in a little town of about 15,000 inhabitants, named Alpena. My husband did not like farming very well and thought we

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would do better in town. Alpena is situated on the Lake Huron shore and is a neat little town. There is a big cement factory that employs about 3,000 men. With best love to Mrs. Wilkinson and all the sisters, I remain,

Yours truly,

LEONARD.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON: I have been a reader of COMFORT for over a year and like very much to read the sisters' letters. Some of the writers seem to have such good educations and I have so little that it makes my heart ache. I am married and the mother of two little daughters, the oldest nine and the youngest six and both are in school. The older one is in the fourth grade and would you believe it, I am so poorly educated that I cannot help her with her lessons and it causes me many a headache. My husband has a common school education and has to help the children with their lessons, especially arithmetic, as I know nothing about it. I can change money very well and add a little and that's about all. Often at night when my husband is busy he will tell the little girls to get their mother to help them with their lessons and the oldest one will say, "Now daddy, you know mother doesn't know anything about this," and it hurts me to have her say it, and it does make her feel big that she is wiser than mother.

If parents would only realize the need of it they would make every effort to educate their children. My father is a well-educated man but my mother died when I was four years old and father married a young girl and she had children very fast and the babies. I went to school only part of three winters and I was married when I was fifteen. I have been married ten years and never before realized how much I needed an education until the last two years. Since I have been married my father has gone in business for himself and that has brought all of us up in the social circle of this little town and I am always in fear that I will be called upon to do something I can't, so you see my life isn't as happy as it would be if I had more education. I can talk well and have good manners and some of my best friends would not believe this letter if they should read it.

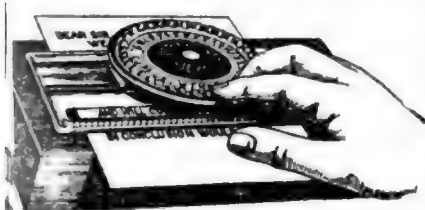
I would like to hear from someone who could tell me some way I might educate myself.

UNEDUCATED MOTHER.

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DEAR MRS. W. AND COMFORT SISTERS: May I come in for a few minutes? I am a wheel-

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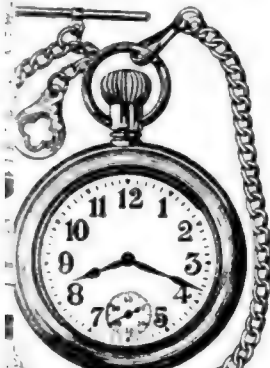
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B. B., Talladega Springs, Ala.—No license need be obtained if you wish to write poetry or prose, although we have heard of ferocious editors who have themselves obtained hunting licenses to enable them to pursue persistent poets. You can obtain application for copyright and other information concerning the copyright law by addressing the Librarian of Congress, Washington, D. C.

C. H., Montezuma, Ga.—Although script need not be considered incorrect on a visiting card, what engravers call "Old English" is the form now most in vogue, we think. Plain block lettering is also much used and is rather more suitable, perhaps, for a man's card than any more elaborate style. In no case would you use "plain printing." Visiting cards and all forms of social stationery are engraved and not printed. Any stationer will show you samples and forms of visiting cards from which you can select that style most to your liking.

Mrs. E. V., Clinton, Ind.—To what publisher you would best send your book when completed, would depend entirely upon what you are writing about—which you do not tell us. Prices paid for an author's work are affected largely by the reputation of the writer—his reputation need not be always a literary one. Lloyd George or the ex-Kaiser of Germany, as instances, can market their reminiscences for several dollars a word, while practically unknown scribblers about the Great War might be glad to receive a cent a word or less. The ordinary financial arrangement made for the publication of an accepted book is upon an ascending royalty basis. This is usually ten per cent. upon the first 2,500 copies and fifteen per cent. upon all sales beyond this number. Any manuscript submitted to editorial offices should be typed, double-spaced, upon typewriter paper of the usual size—eight and one-half by 11 inches. Broad margins should be left for notes and corrections. All pages should be carefully numbered at the top, and the author's name and address should appear in the upper right-hand corner of the first page. Manuscripts should be mailed flat, not rolled, and sufficient stamps enclosed to pay for return postage. We believe you will have to acquire more experience than you now have before you can expect to compete with the many who are now engaged in the writing game. But one can always begin to learn.

Mrs. H. L. H., Columbia, S. C.—In ancient days the phrase "dog days" became given to what was the time of greatest heat in the summer—and this, in Mediterranean latitudes happened to be the period when the dog star rose at the same time as the sun. The traditions of those days gave an evil influence to this planetary combination. Nowadays the modern almanac compilers reckon the "dog days" as being from July 24 to August 24th, although custom has seemed to place them as in the first two weeks in August.

Readers, Mt. Vernon, Ill.—When you read that your grand jury has returned so many "true bills," this means that they have found that a certain number of accusations of commissions of crime are justified on the face of the evidence submitted and that the alleged offenders are to be arrested and held for trial. A "true bill" is another name for indictment. An indictment is a presentment to the court whereby the grand jury accuses one or more persons of having committed a specified crime and sets forth the facts to be proved against the accused at the trial. An indictment is called a "true bill" because each indictment concludes with the attestation clause, "A true bill," followed by the signature of the foreman of the grand jury—a mere certification that it is a genuine indictment.

Mrs. B. T., Ellis, Kans.—There are 744,571 acres of vacant public land in the State of Washington. The western part of the state is a fine country for timber, and also has fertile valley lands. Of late years fruit growing has become particularly successful. Eastern Washington, not so well timbered, produces large crops of grain and dairying and general farming give good returns. The eastern and central portions of the state have waterless sections—a great part of which have been irrigated by private enterprises and by reclamation projects of which several large ones are the work of the Federal Government. Some enthusiasts claim the climate of Washington as perfection, and the claims seem justified. The mean average temperature for the year is 53 degrees and there are few extremes of heat or cold. Owing to the light snowfall cattle do not necessarily have to be fed through the winters, and there is an abundance of natural grass. There are U. S. Land Offices at North Yakima and at Seattle in the state. Write to these for further particulars. (2) Oregon has much more vacant land than Washington, and over 13,000,000 acres are open for entry. The Rogue River and Willamette valleys are the best agricultural sections of the state—the former being particularly adapted for fruit raising, especially grapes. Four years ago the state produced over 3,500,000 bushels of apples. The climate is mild and is most favorable for grain growing—one Oregon farmer getting 120 bushels of oats per acre from a 22-acre field. The eastern part of Oregon does better in a stock-raising section—there being more arid land in this vicinity, although irrigation is aiding. Near the coast the rainfall is heavy. Oregon ranks fourth as a lumber producing state. There are U. S. Land Offices at Burns, La Grande, Lakeview, Portland, Roseburg, The Dalles and Vale. You can obtain further particulars from the Register who may be in charge of each of these offices.

Mrs. Y. J. McKnight, Walker, Iowa.—This COMFORT subscriber is in search of verses entitled, "The Starless Crown," one line of which is: "I did not mean that thou shouldst tread the way of life alone." Perhaps some kind reader will aid and can send the words of this poem to Mrs. McKnight direct.

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2. Name only those objects visible in picture beginning with letter "S." Whichever list receives the most points will be awarded first prize, and so on down the list of 50 prizes. One point will be given for each correct word and one deducted for each incorrect word or omission of a correct word. In case of tie, prize tied for will be awarded each trying contestant. The correct list by which judging will be done will be made up from lists received and not from any so-called "master list." List winning first prize and names and addresses of all prize winners will be published close of contest and mailed to all who have "qualified" for Class "A."
3. Use only English words. An object may be named only once, but parts of objects may also be named. Either the singular or plural of a word may be used, but not both. Words of the same spelling but different meaning or synonymous words will count only once. Compound, hyphenated and obsolete words are not permissible. Webster's International Dictionary will be the final authority.
4. Write "S" words on one side of paper only, number each word 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., and be sure to write your full name and address at top of each sheet. All answers must be mailed and postmarked not later than February 3, 1923. Contestants may "qualify" for Class "A" up to midnight, February 17, 1923.
5. Three prominent St. Paul people have consented to act as Judges: M. W. Thompson, newspaperman; W. M. Johnson, Pres., Superior Printing Co., and F. M. Reagan, Pres., Wabash National Bank. All who take part in the contest agree to accept their decisions as final and conclusive.
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Owing to the ease with which it is saponified (prepared for assimilation in the small intestine), olive oil is more readily absorbed than any other animal or vegetable fat. Therefore, in order to gain weight, it should be eaten or drunk religiously—either "whole," upon salads or in soups. The Italians use it freely in their cooking.

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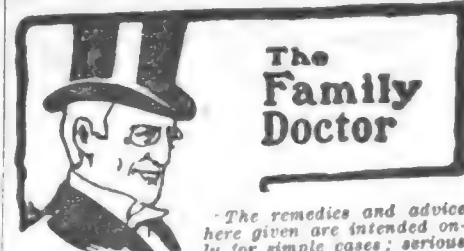
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Mercenary Creatures

That Gorbam girl says a girl never thinks so much of the fellow who passes the evening with her as the one who spends it with her. —Portland Express.



The Family Doctor

The remedies and advice here given are intended only for simple cases; serious cases should be taken to your local doctor. Address, The Family Doctor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. Sign your true name and give your address. Name will not be published.

Miss F. K., Sauk Rapids, Minn.—"Blushing" is a normal condition and there is no remedy that will prevent it. Keep your bowels free, avoid excitement and lead a normal life. In time you may overcome this tendency and, at least, forget that your face flushes up so constantly. Local applications are of no avail.

Mrs. B. D., Ringgold, Ga.—Have your teeth extracted, or treated, at once. You are troubled with absorption of pus in some form, which causes your rheumatic condition. May be, also, your tonsils are enlarged and should be removed. You might take, in the meantime, five-grain tablets of salicylate of sodium after meals. Also drink plenty of water and avoid sweets of all kinds. In this way you will get rid of your excessive blush.

Mrs. J. F. T., Sarepta, Miss.—All your symptoms are due, in the main, to indigestion. Take, after meals, compound bicarbonate of soda tablets. Also at night take two teaspoonfuls of fluid extract of cascara sagrada to keep your bowels free. Avoid sweets of all kinds, including pastries. Just follow the directions given, and you will be cured or relieved of your many and annoying discomforts.

Mrs. J. J., Greensburg, Pa.—You have prolapse of the vagina and bladder walls as well. This condition causes the bladder irritation from retention of urine. You should have a vaginal support. There are many on the market, and your family doctor can get one for you and fit it so you will be relieved of your annoying symptoms. For the frequent urination take, after meals, five-grain tablets of urotropin. Drink also plenty of good spring water.

Mrs. M. McC., Muscatine, Iowa.—Asafetida pills are simply a condiment, are not "habit forming" in any sense. A good tonic and cough mixture for you to take is the following: Iodide of ammonium thirty grains, tincture of nux vomica thirty drops, tincture of belladonna fifteen drops, syrup of ipecac one ounce, and water to make two ounces. Take one teaspoonful after meals.

Mrs. L. M. D., Rossville, Ill.—Apply to scalp, at night the following solution: Two per cent. resorcin solution to two ounces of equal parts of rose water and grain alcohol. This should relieve the itching of your scalp and stop the falling out of your hair.

Mrs. J. A. M., Glen Flora, Texas.—For the "chills and fever," of malarial origin, no remedy is as efficient as Warburg's tincture. Take, after meals, a tablespoonful of the tincture well diluted. Also keep your bowels free at all times.

Mrs. W. B., Freewater, Oregon.—You should have the lacerated cervix operated on. Only in this way will you be well again and the discharge cured. Select some good general surgeon and have the parts restored to normal.

Mrs. A. M., Eolia, Ky.—Take a tablespoonful of Basham's mixture well diluted, after meals. After you have taken this tonic for two or three weeks, take, morning and night, two-grain capsules of ovarian substance. The latter tablets will no doubt restore your periods to normal as to amount and regularity.

Mrs. C. W., Panama, Okla.—For the scalp condition mentioned, apply to the scalp at night raw linseed oil to remove or soften the scales. The following morning wash the scalp with some good tar soap. After you have the scales removed in this way, apply a two per cent. solution of resorcin dissolved in equal parts of alcohol and rose water.

Mrs. M. M., Jackson, Maine.—You should have the hemorrhoids operated on at once. This is the only way to get rid of them permanently. Your "dizzy turns" are probably due to anemia and not to high blood pressure. Better take some good tonic after meals—such as Basham's mixture—in tablespoonful doses, well diluted.

Mrs. J. E. D., Portland, Oregon.—The "ringing in the ears" is due to a catarrhal condition of the nose and throat, and is the forerunner of serious deafness if the condition is not remedied at once. Consult some good aurist and have proper treatment at once.

Mrs. J. F. P., Lindsay, Okla.—Bronchial trouble combined with an asthmatic condition has no relation to tuberculosis, in the main. Have your daughter take, after meals, one-half teaspoonful of pertussin. At night, also, apply a mustard plaster to the chest for a few minutes, or long enough to produce a decided redness in the skin.

Mrs. E. E., Grandin, Mo.—Apply a mustard plaster to the throat at night and take some good tonic. You are tired out and this condition is reflected in the throat. Rest all day, after meals. Take a tablespoonful of Basham's mixture, well diluted, after meals. Your husband, for his rheumatic condition, will be benefited by taking five-grain tablets of salicylate of sodium after meals, and drinking plenty of good spring water.

Mrs. L. K., Strathmore, Calif.—Not contagious, but a chronic inflammation of the uterus and adnexa. Douche the vagina twice a day with normal saline solution—about a teaspoonful of table salt to the pint of very hot water. You might also, if this does not help you, have the uterus curetted.

Mrs. J. H., Phillips, Wisconsin.—Pain in the left side is, at first, not due to appendicitis. You may have some form of ovarian irritation. Apply at night, over the ovarian region, tincture of iodine. Do not apply the tincture too often—once or twice a week will do.

Mrs. F. W. L., Ferndale, Wash.—The cause of the itch is the "itch mite." You should scrub the parts itchy, especially the furrows where the mite burrows, with the tooth-brush, and apply at night sulphur clothes you have been wearing that come in contact with the skin. Wear clean underclothes daily, as the mite also gets in the underclothes and re-tacks the body.

Mrs. J. S. D., Tucker Hill, Ala.—Your father probably, besides the high blood pressure, has an acute indigestion with formation of gas. High blood pressure comes from a variety of causes. Excessive use of toxicants, eating too rich foods, taking too little exercise, are among some of the contributing causes of so-called high blood pressure. A ten-drop dose of saturated solution of iodide of potassium, is one of the best remedies for this condition. Have your father take this meal, well diluted. Also have him take a half-teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda well diluted, between meals, for the asthmatic acidity.

Mrs. N. C., Mulberry, Ark.—Have the warts removed by the actual cautery. This is the only way of removing them with any degree of certainty, and also with the certainty of their remaining no scar.

Mrs. M. M. W., S. C.—Indigestion due to nervousness causes both the night-terrors and the heart to skip one or more beats. Take, after meals, a compound bicarbonate of soda tablet, and avoid sweets of all kinds, including pastries.

Mrs. H. P., Sno, Wyoming.—Have your husband stop using cigarettes and take 1-60 gr. tablets of strychnine sulph., after meals. The night sweats are due to his impaired physical condition due to the excessive use of cigarettes.

Mrs. D. S., Harrisville, Mich.—For the high blood iodide of potassium, well diluted, after meals. Of course avoid sweets or pastries of all kinds.

Mrs. E. L., Cuyahoga, Ohio.—Have your sputum examined, for the asthmatic acidity.

Mrs. P. W., West Hawley, Mass.—If you have the lung condition, you should rest most of the time and avoid exercise of any kind. Better find out if you really have tuberculosis by having the sputum examined at once.

Mrs. E. Q., Poplar, Mont.—An abscess is always dangerous. You should have the ear treated at once by some good ear surgeon and have the discharge stopped and the condition relieved.

Mrs. M. L., Torrington, Ct.—The only cure symptom of tapeworm is the passing of a portion in the stool. Taken according to directions is oleo-sap of aspidium number of COMFORT.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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chair shut-in and have been for nearly six years and know what it means to be confined to the house and also what a joy a wheel chair brings to people who cannot walk. All who help secure even one wheel chair, through COMFORT or in any other way, cannot realize how much joy you bring to the poor shut-in who receives the chair. God alone knows how many heartfelt thanks are given to each one who helped secure it. If you want to get an idea of the value a shut-in places upon a wheel chair, just think deep and earnestly what you would take for the use of your feet and legs. A wheel chair is worth more than a thousand times what it costs to the one who has to spend his life in it. So, sisters, do all you can to secure wheel chairs for shut-ins, through COMFORT. No one will know how much comfort and joy dear old COMFORT has brought to the shut-ins also besides being such a help and comfort to its many readers.

My friends gave me the money to buy my chair and I can never thank them enough. It has been a great pleasure to me. I hope God will bless them a thousandfold for each cent spent for the chair.

I read, tat, crochet, embroider and sew. I can run my sewing machine as I have use enough of my feet and ankles, although I have to be lifted to and from my chair. I am slow but I cut and make my own clothes and most of my mother's and my father's shirts. I tell you what I like best to read. The Bible then books of travel for I want to see our great world even though it be through books. I also like poetry. I used to like novels and stories but I do not care for them any more but I have learned many good lessons from stories and loved the stories in COMFORT's best of all. I still love COMFORT.

If anyone cares to write to me or send a postcard (any preferred), I would certainly appreciate it and will try to answer all who enclose stamped envelopes. Love to all. Miss Mabel McCombs.

LOS ANGELES, 830 EAST 63RD ST., CALIF. DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT'S SISTERS: COMFORT is my only safety valve, because it's the only means of answering the many sick brothers and sisters who wrote me after my letter appeared in July, 1930. I had no idea so many read the Sisters' Corner. (I am truly) is a wonderful paper and fills every page of the household.

I have answered hundreds but it is a physical impossibility to answer all. I am glad to add my tiny typewriter. Here are answers to some of your questions. Arizona has one of the best climates for tuberculosis, providing they can live on air, which is dry and healthy, but there is little work. Summers are hot. Winters are delightful. The Hot Springs I mentioned in Arizona are only for rheumatism and neuritis, not for stomach trouble, old sores, pyorrhea, etc. For these there is a mineral mined near Phoenix, however, and is used just as it comes from the earth. Many people go there for the benefit of this mineral and many marvelous cures have been made.

I was cured myself. Rest is essential as well as dry air and proper food. The climate will not do all. California is a beautiful state. Flowers galore. Summers splendid. Winters foggy and wet. Some work in fruit and manufactures.

How can the shut-ins pass the time? Cut clippings to send to some one who is ill. Choose some shut-in and make a correspondent of her or him, be a real help. Keep a diary, write a little in it each day. A common note book will do. Your friends and children will enjoy it in later years. Keep a note book handy; and when you read something that especially impresses you, jot interesting to read over at intervals and to tell others. Read humorous books. Leave the weeps for the week-end. Jean Stratton Porter's books are like a ramble through the woods. I saw her in person recently. She is as sweet and motherly as one would expect her to be, which I enjoyed immensely and am still prouding by it. Don't do this till you feel able, however.

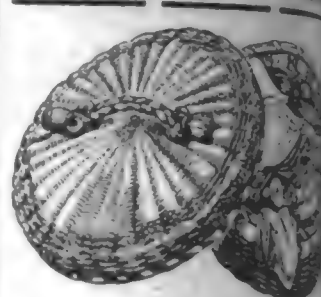
Don't feel sorry for yourself. Every time you do you drive a spike in your coffin. Be cheery. Build der them as I am doing. Think long thoughts; un- you are shut in with the world shut out. Remember, it's often at low tide that one picks up the things worth while. No one sympathizes with the sick more than I. May God bless you every one.

How shall I rear my children? I haven't space to tell you. Most of you know better than I, no doubt. Every child has its peculiarities. It also has its particular need. Learn the need of each age and meet it. Intermediate and young people. Each is a distinct but remember, every problem has a solution and it usually takes study to solve problems. Study the child. heartache. Tell them of God's plan for mankind very young. So young that it will cause no shock. There is much to be said but I have little space. Girls ask, how can I have a room of my own when the treot nest, the nook in the woods. I haven't time to go into detail. Some time I may tell you how four kind of room for our very own although there "was no room in the inn."

Some have mentioned their COMFORT albums. Later they have never seen any like them and many of them are copying my idea. It's interesting work for the coming my collection, made by my own hand. I have 36, and have one of the best husbands in "cap- tivity."

We live within 115 miles of the ocean and from shells I have made postcards which my friends admire. Like Daniel Webster, I have been quite "wordy." Please don't write unless I can be of real help to you. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 37.)

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Poultry Farming for Women

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in the egg chamber. This high humidity also results in a better percentage of hatch, due to its effect upon the egg shell in making it thinner and more easily broken at hatching time. It is a good plan to insure this high humidity by sprinkling the eggs on the eighteenth or nineteenth day with warm water before closing the machine.

At hatching time the chamber should be darkened, thus keeping the chicks from tramping each other in an effort to get to the light. The quieter they can be kept the better. The chicks should be allowed to remain in the machine until they are thoroughly dry, which is from twenty-four to thirty hours after the hatch is completed. These few points in regard to the proper care of the eggs in the incubators are essential.

The greatest danger from overheating comes during the first few days of incubating. It is well to hold the temperature at the level of the tops of the eggs under 103 F. for the first week. I like to keep it at 102.

During the third week the animal heat exerts some influence, and 103 will be about right at the upper part of the egg.

While the chicks are hatching from the eggs, 104 may be registered at the level of the tops of the eggs. In some parts of our country, where incubators are operated at altitudes of several thousand feet, the temperature may be run a degree higher than I have indicated. At these altitudes, where the air is usually very dry, the matter of extra moisture supply becomes a very important item in successful incubation.

Ventilation Is Vital

During the early stages of embryo development in the egg, very little air is needed, because there is very little blood to be oxidized. During the second week there is increased blood circulation, and therefore need of some ventilation, so that the fresh air shall supply enough oxygen. All through the third week there must be abundant air supply, because at this period there is a very great circulation of the red blood, which must be continually using oxygen from the air. The pure air passes through the shell of the egg to the blood vessels that ramify all over the thinner lining of the egg. Carbon dioxide and moisture pass out through the shell.

If an egg chamber is poorly ventilated, the eggs should be aired once daily for a few minutes at a time, from the fourth to the twelfth day, and twice daily during the last week of incubation.

During the last few years, the agricultural colleges and experiment stations have been giving more and more study to the subject of moisture in incubation, until now it is generally conceded that it is quite as important as heat, and that a lack of sufficient moisture during the early days of incubation is frequently the cause of weakly, slow growing chickens. When one understands the process of development from the germ to the embryo chick and subsequent growth till it reaches the point where it breaks through the shell, there can be little doubt that we should give full attention to this point.

The white of a newly laid egg is largely composed of water, which keeps it in a liquid state. The shell of the egg being porous, allows this water to evaporate, and the white to become thick and sticky; if the egg is kept for any considerable time in dry air, it will all evaporate.

When the germ of the egg is quickened into life by the heat of the incubator, or under the hen, tiny veins run out into the white and absorb the water and certain nutriment, which is converted into the blood of the embryo and nourishes it during the building of its structure and the formation of its organs.

When an egg is put into an incubator situated in a dry room, and heated up to 102 or 103 degrees, the air in the machine must necessarily be dry, and the watery contingent of the white evaporates so rapidly that the embryo lacks blood and nutriment; with the result that when hatched it has weak internal organs, and can never become a really vigorous, profitable bird—like an egg producer or breeder. For this reason, the amount of moisture in the egg chamber is most important. Too much is as detrimental as too little.

Now we come to the question as to what is the correct amount, and how to gauge it. When a good hygrometer is used in the incubator, the attendant has only to read what it registers, just as he reads the thermometer to know the amount of heat which is present.

During the first week, the hygrometer should register 75 degrees; the thermometer 102 to 102½. Second week, hygrometer, 70; thermometer, 102½ to 103.

During the third week we have a changed condition of affairs. The small systems of blood vessels of the first week have vastly increased, so that by the fourteenth day the white of the egg is full of veins in which the blood is rapidly circulating, and the chick's body is growing fast. Bear in mind that the first ten days are devoted to development, and in that short time the chick is fully formed in all its parts. During this period the quantity of blood in circulation is comparatively small.

Then come the ten days of growth or increase in the size of the body and its parts, when great quantities of blood are rushing through the numerous blood vessels, carrying the building material. It is during this latter period that the water (after being used in the blood circulation) should be allowed to escape freely from the egg, with consequent rapid development of the air cell. Therefore, during the last week of incubation I would remove the wet sand or water pans from the egg chamber, and let the humidity decrease even to 50 degrees, or possibly 40 in some cases. Simply removing the extra supply of water usually answers the purpose.

The moisture supply must be renewed on the nineteenth day for another distinct purpose. If the air surrounding the hatching eggs is dry, the chicks are likely to have a hard time breaking through the shell.

It is quite an exertion for the chicks to pick their way out of the shell, consequently they should remain in the incubator at least thirty-six hours and be given time to rest and recover strength. If bacillary white diarrhea, which is transmitted to the chick by the mother hen, be present in any of the chicks, it will be voided in the droppings from the very first. To prevent the spread of this disease from chick to chick by the picking up of infected droppings, the incubator should be darkened as soon as the first chick is out, and be kept darkened until the chicks are removed to the brooder. There is very little danger of disease spreading by this means after the chicks are removed to the brooder and have a chance to take food into the system.

Correspondence

Subscribers are entitled to advice of our Poultry Editor free, through the columns of this department. Address Poultry Editor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. BE SURE to give your full name and address, otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

L. M. D.—This seems a hopeless case, if, as you say, two of the turkeys died soon after you got them, and then, as you informed me, the one that was marked as the tom never developed properly, and you seem convinced that the bird has laid several eggs, all of which goes to show that there must have been something wrong about the stock. As for the tom, there seems to be nothing to do but kill the bird, for no matter what the sex may be, the fact that the bird has laid renders it useless as a breeder. If you do kill the bird, please give me a clear description of the condition of the heart, liver, lungs and intestines. I would also like to know if you raised any young ones, this past season, and how many eggs the other two turkeys laid, if any.

F. M.—The guinea may have met with some accident, for as a rule, guinea are the hardest birds in the poultry family, after they are once feathered out. Perhaps a roost has broken down with them, or some night prowler, like a coon or possum, may have grabbed them off the roost and wrenched the neck joints. I am quite convinced that the birds' condition is the result of accident, not disease.

J. T. T.—Too much corn has upset the digestive or-

gans and brought on liver trouble. You may be able to save some of the birds, by giving them a change, or if that is not possible, cover the floor of the hen-house or scratching shed with clean litter. Dry leaves or rye straw is the best. Scatter scratch feed, or a mixture of oats and wheat, broadcast, on the litter, so that they will have to scratch for every grain, and add a tablespoonful of Epsom salts to every quart of drinking water for two weeks. At noontime feed green vegetables of some sort. Cabbages, hung up by the roots about fifteen inches above the ground, would be the best, for then the birds would have to jump up each time they picked at them, and that would give them additional exercise, which is what they specially want until some of the internal fat is removed.

A. C.—From your description, I fear that the birds are suffering from roup, which is very contagious, and passes rapidly from bird to bird. As soon as any bird shows a sign of the disease, separate it from the flock, and keep it in a coop as far away from the rest of the poultry as possible. Unless the disease was introduced by some strange bird, the outbreak has developed from a neglected cold. Without knowing more about the situation and condition of your chicken house, I can't say what caused the trouble. The house may be damp. Is the land well drained? Or there may not be sufficient ventilation to carry off the moisture caused by the birds' breath and the heat of their bodies during the night. Or it may be a window or door does not shut tightly, and a draft may strike the birds when they are on the roost. Look the house over and try to decide the cause for yourself. Remember, plenty of fresh, cold air never hurts birds, but a draft through a crack or knothole almost always causes trouble. Dissolve a teaspoonful of permanganate of potassium in half a pint of water, agitate until thoroughly mixed, and for use dilute two tablespoonfuls of the mixture with two tablespoonfuls of water. Fill a small syringe and spray the bird's throat, nostrils and eyes twice a day. If you have no syringe, you can do the work fairly well by dipping the end of a soft wing feather into the solution.

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and don't forget a stamp for reply. I cannot correspond with any one for pleasure. I have 30 shut-ins on my regular list. May God bless and heal the sick and give peace to the sorrowing. Long live COMFORT and its entire staff.

Sincerely, Mrs. H. E. GROOM.

AMBOY, R. R. 1, Box 62, ILL.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

I wonder any of you ever make corn husk mats? They are handy to put on the porch in front of the door. Gather fresh, clean corn husks from ripened corn, a sackful or two, as it takes a good many. Take three or four pieces of husks in left hand for each strand. Tie tightly with cord, divide strand, take three or four more pieces of husks with stiff ends up, and lay on strand so stiff ends stick up about one and one-half inches, bring a strand over it to hold it in place. Take more husks and lay on strand just brought over, now bring the next strand over that. Keep doing this until you have a bristly rope several yards in length. As you add your pieces of husks each time it makes your strands a little longer, so you can keep braiding. The bristles will all come on top, the under side will be smooth. Take your braided husks and sew them as you would a braided rug, being careful to keep the bristles up. You can make your mat round or oblong and any size you wish. They are not so hard to make as they sound and will last a long time.

Flour sacks are popular and I have found a use for them that I think is new. I take a set-in screen from window, baste flour sack onto it and put it back into the window. This way one can have their windows up all winter with fresh air and light but no draft.

Maxine Phyllis is a happy looking little girl. Babies in our corner are an added comfort.

I would be pleased to hear from some of the sisters.

MRS. RALPH HOWARD.

DOWNY, R. R. 1, Box 82, IDAHO.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

Having read Troubled's letter in September COMFORT I decided to send her some advice which may help her to get along with her disagreeable sister-in-law.

The next time your sister-in-law comes over, don't give her a chance to complain, but start in complaining over everything she does and has even go to her house and find fault; tell her that her new hat isn't becoming and ask if she couldn't have gotten some other color. Be sure to find fault with her little girl's clothes as well as her own. Complain over everything she cooks. Compare her cooking with some other person's (not your own) by telling her how much lighter their bread and cakes are. Make an example of everything she does. Complain about the arrangement of her furniture, and that her floor coverings do not match the walls and if her walls are painted, tell her that paper looks nicer. When you make comparisons always use for your examples people with plenty of money.

Unless this is a very stubborn case, a dose of your sister-in-law's own medicine ought to prove a most effective cure.

Will be glad to hear from any who care to write.

Best wishes to all. MISS STELLA PRATT.

TUSKEGEE, ALA.

COMFORT SISTERS:

I want to thank each and every one who sent the song, "Charles Get-a-Go." I was glad to receive it and have been able to pass it on to others. I enjoyed the letters, too, that came from every part of the country. Thank you again.

MRS. W. C. BENTLEY.

OREGON.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

I have read with interest the letters on children. As I am the mother of two I surely appreciate all hints and helps along that line. My mother had COMFORT in the home when I was a small child.

Mothers who are troubled with their baby being constipated, try this. Give a teaspoonful of milk of magnesia in each bottle until relieved and then gradually diminish the amount. I had lots of trouble with this when I had to wean my baby and put him on the bottle.

The cow's milk made him constipated and nothing seemed to do any good until I used milk of magnesia and it was a long time taking effect in his case but I've never had any trouble since.

One mother asked why the stools of her baby turned the diapers pink? The opinion of one doctor is that the baby does not get enough water. Be sure and give baby plenty of fresh water.

One thing I think one should be careful of in weaning a baby is this: Many times I think the mother tries to wean baby in too big a hurry and does not get the habit of drinking milk from a cup and so breaks him of the milk drinking habit. I know of several cases where this has happened.

Young mothers, don't make the mistake of trying to do too much, working beyond your strength, to save expenses, when you have a nursing baby. Of course one in moderate circumstances has much to think of and plenty of expenses at that time. I know, for I've been through it but rather let some of your housework go if you can't afford help and have too much to do for yourself. If you don't, you will always have a tired, cross, fretful baby. Save your strength for your baby.

MOTHER OF TWO.

SOMEWHERE IN CALIFORNIA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

First I must say that I think COMFORT a wonderful magazine. I remember seeing it in my grandmother's house, and mother took it and I hope to for I enjoy it far more and get more help and real comfort from it than I do from other magazines costing much more.

This is my first attempt at writing a letter and I won't feel badly if it isn't in print, because Mrs. Wilkinson just has to pick out the best of all she receives.

I thought I would write and tell what a crowd of us girls used to do before I was married. There were twenty or more living near each other so we could meet one evening each week for a sewing circle. Some girls attended high school, others worked, so we voted and decided on the night most convenient for the largest number. We met quite early so as to have a long evening and still be home and in bed before it was late.

If one girl lived a long distance away, three or four would go out of their way to go home with her, particularly if she lived in a section that was not thickly settled. We served refreshments, just two things being allowed, and we took turns in meeting at the different homes. Sometimes an elderly woman who enjoyed the company of young folks would invite us. In our crowd was one girl who did not like to sew, but she liked to read aloud so we enjoyed many good books while we sewed. Sometimes we helped others instead of doing our own sewing. If there is an orphan's home near you they probably would appreciate some help, as we did quite a bit of sewing for one. And perhaps a busy mother needs some help. And at Christmas time you surely know of some unfortunate child or children you can make happier. Just a few ideas as to what you can do to help others and still have a pleasant night a week. This was some time ago but I often look back

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117 Eggs Instead of 3!



One of our readers says, "More Eggs" increased my supply from 3 to 117 eggs. You, too, can reap bigger profits than ever, by making sure of a big egg yield this winter. A scientific tonic has been discovered that revitalizes the flock and makes hens work all the time. The tonic is called "MORE EGGS". Give your hens a few cents' worth of "MORE EGGS" and you will be amazed and delighted with results.

More Eggs Tonic keeps hens in the best possible laying condition. It is a concentrated tonic, not a food. It contains every element that helps make eggs.

Start using More Eggs Tonic right now. Keep your hens laying right through the coldest weather when eggs are highest. You can get big profits from your hens this winter, just as hundreds of other More Eggs users are doing.

1500 Eggs in 21 Days

"Dear Mr. Reefer: I have fed two boxes of More Eggs to my hens and I think they have broken the egg record. I have 160 white Leghorn hens and in exactly 21 days I got 125 dozen eggs."—H. M. PATTON.

Hens Lay All Winter

Results tell the story. Here are just a few letters from poultry raisers who are getting more eggs and more profits through the use of Reefer's MORE EGGS Tonic.

Gets 132 Eggs on December 1

"Dear Mr. Reefer: Sometime ago I got some of your More Eggs and it meant MORE EGGS to me. I am now fully convinced of its utility. I have 14 pullets and 14 hens one year old, and the first 10 days in December they laid 11 dozen eggs."—H. F. POL-LAND, President Citizens' Bank, Ashland, Ore.

Moulting Hens Lay 200 Eggs

"Dear Mr. Reefer: From the 1st of November to the 7th of December, my 16 hens have moulted and laid 200 eggs. Your More Eggs Tonic is fine and I never will be without it in my home."—F. SHAW.

48 Dozen in One Week

"Dear Mr. Reefer: I can't express in words how much I was benefited by answering your ad. I sold 42½ dozen eggs last week, set 4 dozen, ate some and had 1½ dozen left."—MRS. LENA McBRIDE.

\$2.00 Free Packages

Do not send a penny. Just send the coupon below and I will send you three \$1.00 packages of my latest improved More-Eggs Tonic. When the postman delivers them to your home, pay him only \$1.00 plus postage. The other two \$1.00 packages are free. Remember this scientific egg tonic has been tried and tested, but to prove its value to you I am going to send it to you on 30 days free trial. If at the end of 30 days you are not entirely satisfied, I will send you the money you have paid. Act now! Mail the coupon.

E. J. Reefer, Poultry Expert
Dept. 3041, 9th & Spruce Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Dept. 3041, 9th & Spruce Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

Send me three packages of More Eggs Tonic for which I agree to pay the postman \$1.00, plus postage, when the package arrives. It is understood that if I am not entirely satisfied at the end of 30 days, you will refund my money.

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Let Us Give You This Fruit And Flower Garden!

WE have made a new arrangement this season with a well-known nursery company, whereby we can now offer our readers a complete fruit orchard and flower garden consisting of some of the finest apples, pears, berries, grapes and ornamental shrubs grown. The stock will be sent to you direct from the nursery in Michigan by parcel post prepaid. We guarantee that it will reach you in perfect condition and grow to your entire satisfaction if the directions for planting are carefully followed. If for any reason any of the trees, bushes, vines or shrubs should fail to meet with your expectations we will replace them for you free of all charge.

ALL of the grape vines, raspberries and dewberries in these Collections are healthy, well-rooted year-old plants. They should bear fruit the second year. The apple and pear tree grafts are made from heavy one-year-old roots and scions of this year's growth. They should grow from four to six feet the first year. The shrubs are one year old and should bloom the first year from planting. With each collection you will also receive full instructions on planting, pruning and the care of fruit and shrubs, what fertilizer to use and the kind of soil best adapted to the production of heavy yields. Just read what these big Collections contain.

6 Year-Old Grape Vines

Collection No. 8761 These are not "calloused cuttings" but healthy root-year-old vines, guaranteed to live and bear fruit the second year. They will grow anywhere in the United States. With these six vines in your yard or garden you will soon have all the table grapes you can use and many more besides, to sell or to give away to your friends. This Collection contains the following varieties:

Two Moore's Diamond A well-known varietal cluster of grapes, yellowish white in color and similar to the Concord in shape of bunch and flavor. It is very hardy and a thrifty grower, making an unusually good vine for arbor or trellis. You get two of these year-old vines in this Collection.

Two Concord This famous variety is the finest purple grape ever grown. They are large, luscious and juicy and so sweet that little or no sugar is required in making grape juice and jelly. Each one of these vines should produce a bushel of choice grapes in a single season. You get two of these year-old vines in this Collection.

Two Worden Always a favorite, this variety yields large, well-shouldered clusters of deliciously sweet, highly-flavored fruit. Grape juice and jelly made from this grape is of a peculiarly spicy flavor that is relished by all. It is also one of the finest table grapes and a good shipper. It ripens two weeks earlier than the Concord. You get two of these year-old vines in this Collection.

7 Flowering Shrubs

Collection No. 8781 There is nothing that adds more to the appearance of your home more than these beautiful ornamental shrubs and vines. From earliest spring until late fall there is not a day but one or more of these shrubs are in bloom. They are hardy, grow one year old, well rooted and about one foot high when you receive them. This Collection contains the following varieties:

One White Flowering Dogwood—one of the earliest spring bloomers. **Two Roses of Sharon**—bearing a profusion of large double blossoms from August until late fall. **Two Golden Bell**—bears tiny bell-shaped yellow flowers. **One Hall's Japan Honeyuckle**—an ornamental climber with fragrant blossoms. **One Spirea Van Houttei**—an early bloomer famed for its handsome foliage and clusters of pretty white flowers. You get these seven ornamentals (five different varieties) in this Collection.

8 Apple And Pear Grafts

Collection No. 8751 Think of the value of a healthy, thrifty tree. Think how soon they will be yielding bushels of the finest apples and pears grown. With the heavy root system on these grafts they should grow from four to six feet the first year. This Collection contains the following varieties:

Two Delicious The finest winter apple grown. A heavy yielder, and ripens early. The fruit is medium large, delicious in flavor and colored a beautiful red. This variety always sells for the highest market prices as it keeps well and retains its crisp, firm white flesh to the end. You get two of these tree grafts in this Collection.

Two Wealthy A hardy Russian fall apple with deep red and bronze streaked skin. The flesh is firm and crisp, the flavor sweet and tart. For both eating and cooking it has few equals and is one of the most profitable apples grown. You get two of these tree grafts in this Collection.

Two Jonathan This apple ripens in October and because of its juicy, waxy skin, is considered one of the best eating apples on the market. It is red in color with a smooth, waxy skin. You will enjoy gathering the huge crops that this variety invariably yields. You get two of these tree grafts in this Collection.

Two Bartlett Pear One of the best known varieties, more largely grown than any other. You are probably familiar with its yellow skin and its delicious, spicy flavor. This variety makes the best table pear, being very mellow when ripe and always yields a heavy crop. You get two of these tree grafts in this Collection.

8 Luscious New Fruits

Collection No. 8771 You can't eat a fruit without being pleased in this Collection you will receive three of the finest varieties grown. For the table, for the most delicious jams, jellies and preserves, they are unequalled. Each plant is one year old with strong, healthy roots. The Collection contains the following varieties:

Four Lucretia Dewberry A vigorous grower, size that the support of a trellis is really needed. The vines are literally covered with immense clusters of delicious wine flavored berries, averaging one and one-half inches in length, very sugary, remarkably juicy and having but a few fine seeds. You get four of these year-old vines in this Collection.

Two Red Raspberry This variety (St. Regis) is the finest ever bearing red raspberry. The bush is a rapid grower, bearing fruit ten days earlier than most other varieties and continuing to bear throughout the summer and fall. The fruit is large, of delightful flavor, sweet and very juicy, and ripens in large clusters. You get two of these year-old bushes in this Collection.

Two Black Raspberry This variety (Diamond) is the best from its habit of fruiting in large clusters. The berries are of good size, remarkably sweet and juicy, but firm in texture. The vines grow quickly and are very tall and upright. The bush has a gushing feature, however, as it grows and which together with its other qualities, makes it the most desirable black raspberry bush. You get two of these year-old bushes in this Collection.

7 Flowering Shrubs

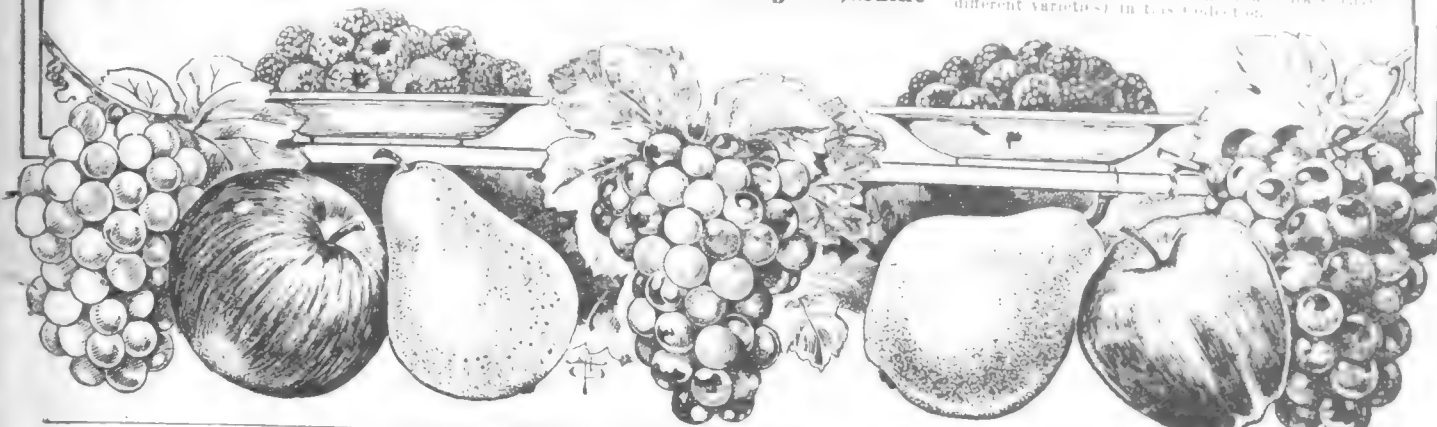
Collection No. 8791 With one exception this Collection is different from Collection No. 8781. All of them are field grown, one year old, well rooted and about one foot high when you receive them. In this Collection you will receive the following varieties:

Two Roses of Sharon—one snow white, the other a midsummer bloomer bearing immense quantities of snow-white blossoms. **One Purple Lilac**—its fragrant purple blossoms need no description. **Two Thunberg Barberry**—one for a hedge, bearing pretty red berries, and the other a climber for porch or arbor, bearing large, bright red flowers. You get these seven ornamentals (five different varieties) in this Collection.

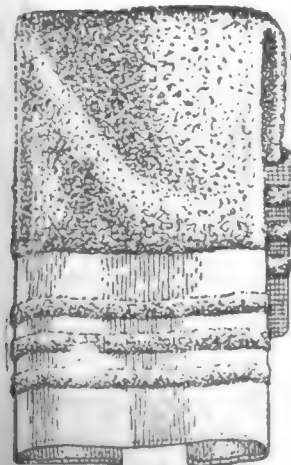
Our Free Offer!

FOR only one year's subscription (and you will receive COMFORT at 50 cents each) we will send you one of these Collections free by parcel post prepaid. For two one-year subscriptions at 50 cents each, we will send you any two Collections for three one-year subscriptions any three Collections and so on. When ordering please be sure to mention the number of each Collection wanted.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine



Two Turkish Towels



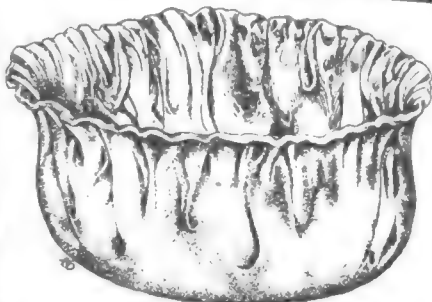
Good Size
Soft And
Fleecy

AFTER bathing there is nothing quite as fine as a good rub down with a Turkish towel. In fact it is the best towel for all purposes, whether for the bathroom, guestroom or everyday family use. They absorb the water much more readily than other towels and the soft fleecy-like surface imparts to the body a delightful feeling of warmth and well-being. They are also fine for baby's toilet as they will not hurt the tender skin. The towels offered here are 15 inches wide and 32 inches long which is a good convenient size for all-round family use, and are of good weight, well made and finished. We will make you a present of two of these towels upon the terms of the following offer.

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you one pair (2) of these fine Turkish Towels free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 9912.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Silver Bonbon Dish



Genuine Gold Lined

THIS beautiful dish can be used for a variety of purposes—for candy, nuts, salted peanuts, etc. It is much larger than it appears in the above illustration, measuring over five inches in width and two inches deep. It is heavily silver plated outside and gold lined. Needless to say, it makes a handsome ornament for the sideboard and will last a lifetime.

We will send you this handsome Silver Bonbon Dish free upon the terms of the following special offer.

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you this Silver Plated, Gold Lined Bonbon Dish free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 9942.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

The Latest Vanity Case



Reward No.
1152

For A Club Of Two

EVERY woman and girl who likes to keep up with the styles should have one of these handsome, embossed silver vanity cases. It is the very latest design, having a thin model case like that of a little over two ounces, and of good size—3 1/2 inches long and 2 1/2 inches wide. The chain is a little mirror and two dainty powder puffs. This new Vanity Case is one of the prettiest designs we have yet seen so we have purchased a quantity of them to give away among COMFORT readers. We will send you one free if you will accept the following special offer.

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you this Vanity Case free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 1152.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

26-Piece Table Set



Given For A Club Of Only Five

WE have made many offers of tableware and this is the first time we have ever offered a complete set of 26 Pieces of silverware to a club. And please don't think that we are giving this set on such liberal terms. It is plated on a brass base and is guaranteed to change color and have that "brassy" look soon as the plating wears off. But this set has a white metal base; therefore every piece is the same color all the way and will not show signs of wear, even after constant use. As shown in the above illustration, there are 26 pieces in this set—4 Forks, 6 Teaspoons, 6 Tablespoons, 6 Knives and 6 Butter Knives. Each piece is full size for family use, the handles are embossed and the blades of the knives are perfectly plain and bright polished. It is because we buy this set in large quantities from the factory that we are able to offer it at a price that enables us to offer it to you for so few subscriptions. It is by far the most valuable we have ever offered and we guarantee to send this 26-Piece Table Set exactly as shown and described to any address upon the terms of the following special offer.

Given To You! For a club of five one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each, we will send you this 26-Piece Table Set free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 1625.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

French Ivory Manicure Set In A Roll-Up Leather Case



Given For A Club Of Four

A PRACTICAL and beautiful set containing everything necessary for the proper care of the nails. It consists of a 5-inch flexible pointed steel nail file, a pair of 3 1/2-inch pointed curved nail scissors, a 4-inch pointed French Ivory nail pusher, a 4-inch French Ivory nail polisher, a 4-inch French Ivory Top. All these are neatly contained in a genuine leather case, measuring 6 inches wide and 6 inches long when opened. The case is shown in illustration and has two snap clasps. In the case is just as convenient to carry as a miniature pocket set. It measures only 5 1/2 x 1 1/2 x 1 inch in thickness.

Although we offer this Manicure Set for an unusually small club, please understand that each and every piece is of high grade and regulation size. We know every woman and girl who accepts this offer is one of these splendid sets will be more than delighted with it. It is free on the terms of the following offer.

Given To You! For four one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each, we will send you this French Ivory Manicure Set in a roll-up leather case free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 1625.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



This
Beautiful
Crystal
Necklace

Topaz
Amethyst
Emerald
Sapphire

For A Club Of Only Two

RIGHT from New York, the center of fashion comes this new, stylish necklace and earring set. Indeed fortunate in obtaining a good supply of them. We only wish we could show it to you. It is thirty inches long, composed of brilliant crystal cut beads, alternating with different colors—Topaz, Amethyst, Emerald and Sapphire.

City people of course have no difficulty in obtaining the newest styles in necklaces. But COMFORT's women and girl readers live in the country, far from the up-to-date stores, and that's why we make this offer. This is your opportunity to secure a necklace as handsome and stylish as any that will be seen anywhere this season. And best of all, it will not cost you a cent if you will accept the following special offer.

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you this beautiful crystal necklace free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 1142.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Home-made Remedy Stops Coughs Quickly

The best cough medicine you ever used.
A family supply easily and quickly
made. Saves about \$2.

You might be surprised to know that the best thing you can use for a severe cough, is a remedy which is easily prepared at home in just a few moments. It's cheap, but for prompt results it beats anything else you ever tried. Usually stops the ordinary cough or chest cold in 24 hours. Tastes pleasant, too—children like it—and it is pure and good.

Pour 2½ ounces of Pinex in a pint bottle; then fill it up with plain granulated sugar syrup. Or use clarified molasses, honey, or corn syrup, instead of sugar syrup, if desired. Thus you make a full pint—a family supply—but costing no more than a small bottle of ready-made cough syrup.

And as a cough medicine, there is really nothing better to be had at any price. It goes right to the spot and gives quick, lasting relief. It promptly heals the inflamed membranes that line the throat and air passages, stops the annoying throat tickle, loosens the phlegm, and soon your cough stops entirely. Splendid for bronchitis, croup, hoarseness and bronchial asthma.

Pinex is a highly concentrated compound of Norway pine extract, famous for healing the membranes.

To avoid disappointment ask your druggist for "2½ ounces of Pinex" with directions and don't accept anything else. Guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction or money refunded. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Do you want Mary Ann?

She is just a big, fine, darling doll every girl's heart is hungry for. Mary Ann will come to you without costing one cent. She wants a play mother to walk with her, sing to her when she cries, rock her to sleep.

Mary Ann Can Walk—Cry—Sleep—Wink

Her brown hair is soft and silky. Her eyes are blue and large, bright blue eyes that sleep. When you lay her down or take her up. Unbreakable head, eyes won't pop loose. She will cap, pretty figured lawn dress, stockings, patent leather slippers.

She is YOURS for doing me a little favor

I will send a Mary Ann doll just as described above in return for a small favor. Just write me today and I will tell you how to get her without cost. Send name and address and say "I want Mary Ann."

AMERICAN FARMING DOLL MAN, Dept. N
537 S. Dearborn St. Chicago, Ill.

13
Inches
Tall



"Peggy" The New Winter Doll

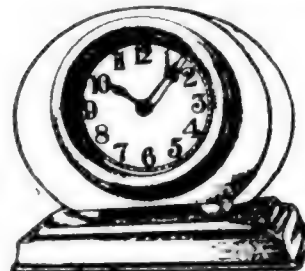
PEGGY first saw the light of day in New York but she didn't like the big city with its noise and confusion and was mighty glad to come to Maine on a brief vacation before looking for a permanent home somewhere in the country.

She doesn't care where she lives so long as it is in some cozy little town or on a nice, big farm, and provided she can find some little girl who will be a kind mother to her. She just loves the horses and cows and geese and kitties and—yes, even the little "piggies" make her laugh until she can hardly stand up.

PEGGY says that life on the farm is the only life for her, so we want to give her to some little girl who lives on a farm, where she can romp and play to her heart's content and be happy all day long. Please remember, however, that we have but a limited number of these dolls on hand and if you want one your order should be sent in at once.

A New York manufacturer who wanted to keep his help busy during the dull season sold us these dolls at about one-half the regular wholesale price, so we are enabled to give them away for almost nothing.

Given To You! For one one-year subscription (not your own) to COMFORT at 50 cents we will send you "Peggy" free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 5621.



Ivory Boudoir Clock

Reward No.
7638

For A Club
Of Eight

FOR sleeping-room, living-room or desk this white ivory clock is not only a beautiful ornament but a reliable timekeeper. It is 3½ inches high, with a 3½-inch base and pure white dial with large, easily-read figures. It is fitted with an American movement, fully guaranteed. The design is one of the latest styles that are now being shown in all the leading jewelry stores of the big cities.

We guarantee you will be pleased with this clock as well as surprised to learn that we give such a splendid value in return for so few subscriptions. Buying in large quantities direct from the factory enables us to do it. We will give you this clock, exactly as described, free upon the terms of the following special offer.

Given To You! For eight one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each, we will send you this beautiful, white ivory clock, free by parcel post, prepaid. Reward No. 7638.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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on those two years with many pleasant memories. We always remembered the bride-to-be and helped them with their things and gave them a shower too. Married sisters, you can do the same, only meet once or twice a month, and spend the day with one another. Each bring something toward the lunch or each prepare the entire meal, as you choose. Your husband won't mind if you are away once in a while, if you leave a good lunch for him and get home in time to have a hot supper at night.

Our Sunday School class used to meet twice a month. One meeting would be held at a member's home where she served the supper and the next at the church where each one brought her share. I remember one time when one of the dearest mothers there is, sent lovely hot rolls by little brother, who, of course, was glad to do it. There was no dressing up allowed, as the majority came from work. Supper was served at six so to give plenty of time and the girls who didn't work came early and had things all ready.

How many of you that have good kind husbands appreciate them enough? When you are condemning him for some fault do you stop and think of yours? Maybe you have some as bad, or worse. If you have a good, kind husband, show him that you do. When he comes home, tired, how his eyes will brighten by a kind word, or perhaps his favorite pie for supper. It takes more than four walls to make a home.

With best wishes to each of you, I try to be
A HUSBAND'S PAL.

QUINCY, ILL.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have been a reader of COMFORT ever since I was old enough for mother to read it to me.

I am quite small, weighing 110 pounds and am five feet, four inches. I have "cat's eyes," medium brown hair, sharp nose and a quick temper but am very affectionate. Am 21 years of age and married to the best of husbands. He is Supt. of the City Light Plant here.

We have been married four years. I have a dear little stepdaughter, Catharine Ruth, aged six years. Ruth is perfectly devoted to me and I am to her. We get along just fine. She doesn't know but that I am her own mother and I try to treat her as I would my own child.

Stepmothers, all of you, always think how you would like to have your child treated if it were left with a stepmother. I have no children living but I have a true mother's heart, and I had a stepmother. She was good to me and I love her but I can look back and see how I often treated her wrongly. I was fourteen when Papa married again. Others influenced me. Never encourage a stepchild to disrespect its stepmother for the stepmother has her ups and downs as well as the child.

My favorite flower is the narcissus. Nile green is my favorite color and as for my hobby—I love anything little, sweet and cute. My chickens get the most of my attention. I have a good many little chicks and white turkeys and they are beauties. I have a cow and we have all the milk and butter we need. Did you ever try buttermilk for little chicks? It is fine, and I use grits or hominy, as some call it, with a little milk, black pepper and chopped onion blades to feed them on.

Also, I want pigeons, guinea pigs and rabbits. These I have already ordered. Next, a pair of Maltese kittens, a pair of peafowl, a pair of white guinea, a pair of bantam chickens, a pair of ducks, one canary, a pair of gold fish, a Newfoundland pup, a white lamb and a parrot.

I would like to hear from Miss Marguerite Grey and Miss Ora Lee Hicks if they happen to see this.

Love to all the sisters.

Mrs. G. O. Cox (NICKNAME GO C.)

Mrs. Cox.—Shall you name your home "The Ark" after you get all these many pairs of birds and animals?—Ed.

Best Ways of Doing Things Around the Home

Pour boiling water on oranges and let them stand for five minutes. This separates the white lining from the skin and they will be easier to prepare for a pudding. —ALVINA POTTS, Loveland, Colo.

Add a little butter when making starch and it will not stick. —MRS. LAURA TRAVIS, Bluffton, Ind.

When darning large holes in stockings, first sew a piece of net over the hole and darn in the holes of the net.

When sewing, keep two spools of thread, one for the machine and one to put on to fill the bobbin. This saves much time in threading the machine.

On rainy days give the children the button box and needle and thread and let them string the buttons. This will keep them interested for a while. Then give them blunt-pointed scissors and old magazines and let them cut out the pictures. —MRS. S. B. THORNTON, Mt. Washington, Mo.

When sweeping a carpet, sweep the way the nap lies and keep your broom against the floor, that is, do not lift it up high at the end of each stroke, but keep it down and the dust will be driven before the broom and remain on the floor and not fill the entire room.

To keep the carpet looking like new go over it each week after sweeping, with a cloth or large sponge dipped in water to which has been added one tablespoon each of salt and ammonia. Put salt in pail and add hot water to dissolve, then fill with cold and add ammonia. Wring cloth or sponge nearly dry.

To wash windows, put a teaspoonful of ammonia in a pail of water and wash with a sponge, then polish with a chamois before quite dry. —MRS. ALLIE CROWLEY, Eureka, Calif.

The quickest way to pluck a goose or duck is to hold the bird in a pail of water, at boiling point. Then quickly roll it in a blanket and hang it up for ten minutes. The feathers will then come out very easily.

When seedling raisins or fruit, it helps to keep a pan of water near so as to dip the fingers in it as they become sticky.

A level teaspoonful of cayenne pepper or dry mustard mixed with the chicken mash once or twice a week is not only a tonic but aids in egg production in cold weather.

Canned cherries make delicious shortcakes as well as pies. —BERNICE HILL, North Conway, N. H.

It will prove a great saving if tubing is bought for pillow cases, then as the cases show signs of wear, rip or cut off the seams at the ends and fold again half way between the old folds. Sew up again and the cases will last almost twice as long. —MRS. J. Z. HANNA, Hemingway, S. C.

Use coal oil to remove chewing gum from most kinds of cloth and wood.

Use a baby carriage on wash day for carrying clothes to and from line. If baby cries, take him with you. —MRS. JOHN WARD, Harwood, Texas.

Use a paint brush for sweeping the stairs and the work will be more quickly and thoroughly done.

A little salt sprinkled in the frying-pan before frying fish will prevent fish sticking. —BLANCHÉ FOUNTAIN, Des Moines, 933, 63rd St., Iowa.

Don't discard faded rugs, dye with your favorite dye and they will look like new. Dissolve dye in a basin of boiling water and apply while hot with a paint or clothes brush. Two or more colors can be combined.

Save your little boy's worn-out caps and rip up and use for pattern and make his caps from your husband's worn-out trousers, putting cardboard in the visor. —TEXAS BLUE BONNET, Georgetown, Texas.

Requests

Poem: "Over the Hill to the Poor House." —MRS. EDNA MAY, Grafton, R. R. 2, W. Va.

Songs: "Jesus Is Mine." "Wandering Home." and "Sunny Southern Smiles." —MISS ESTELLE HORTON, Searcy, Ark.

Poem: "To Light the Christ Child on His Way." —GERTRUDE MILLER, Cameron, Wis.

Song: "Nobody's Child" containing the words, "Out in the midst of the desolate street, with my torn old dress and my bare, cold feet," either with or without music. —T. H. ALEXANDER, White Springs, Box 91, Fla. White Springs, Box 91, Fla.

How to make cement for cracks in stove. How to sugar-cure pork. —LAURA CARTER, Dayton, R. R. 2, Wash.

Poem: "The Wonderful Route." —MISS DAISY UNDERDOWN, Harrison, Star Route, Ark.

How to clean a brass bed. Poem: "The Barber and the Owl." —MRS. J. S. RO-MAINS, Miami, R. R. A. 366, Fla.

How to use olive oil treatment for infantile paralysis. —MRS. J. K. SWALL, Glenaun, Texas.

Information concerning country schools in So. Dakota. —MISS EDNA LEVINE, Pocahontas, Iowa.

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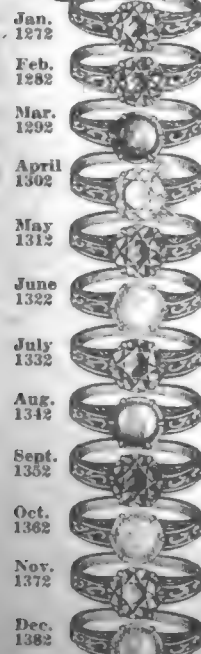
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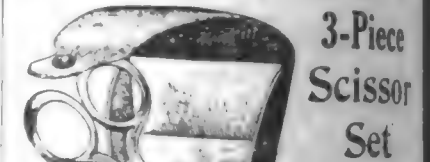
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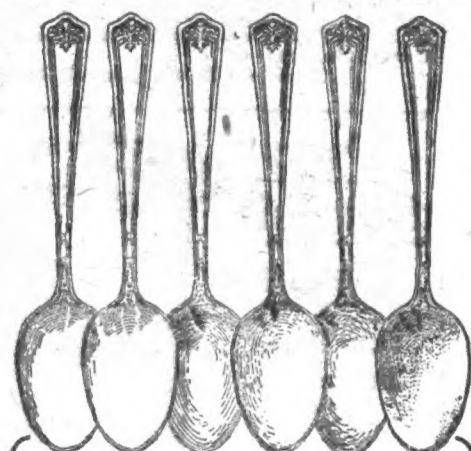
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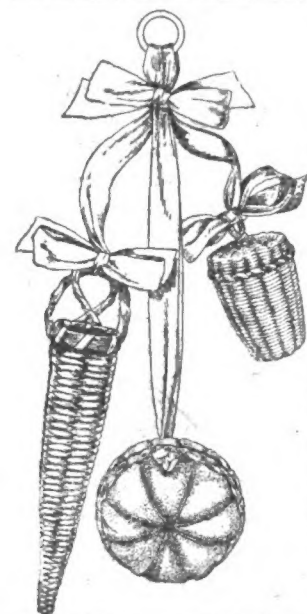
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Poems Requested

The following poems have been requested by readers of COMFORT and sent for publication.

The Rosary

BY ROBERT CAMERON ROGERS.

The hours I spent with thee dear heart,
Are as a string of pearls to me;
I count them over, every one apart,
My rosary.

Each hour a pearl, each pearl a prayer,
To still a heart in absence wrung;
I tell each bead unto the end, and there
A cross is hung.

Oh, memories that bless—and burn!
Oh, barren gain—and bitter loss!
I kiss each bead and strive at last to learn
To kiss the cross.
Sweetheart,
To kiss the cross!

Sent in by admirer of COMFORT.

The Mother Job

BY JANE RUEL.

It really isn't hard to be a mother,
There really isn't very much to do,
The days are just exactly like each other—
You simply shut your eyes and wander through!

For six o'clock is time enough for rising,
And getting all the children washed and dressed,
And breakfast cooked—it really is surprising,
But mothers never seem to need a rest.

The lunches must be packed and jackets rounded,
And everybody soothed and sent to school,
To say that mother rushes is unfounded—
She's nothing more to manage, as a rule.

Unless it is to finish piles of sewing,
And cook and wash and iron and scrub and sweep,
To order food and keep the furnace going—
And then, perhaps, to hide herself and weep!

And when at last she's tucked them under covers,
And seen to doors that Dads forgot to lock,
Triumphantly, at midnight, she discovers
She's nothing more to do till six o'clock.
Sent in by a "Contented Mother."

Discontent

BY SARAH ORNE JEWETT.

Down in a field, one day in June,
The flowers bloomed together,
Saw one who tried to hide herself,
And drooped that pleasant weather.

A robin, who had flown too high
And felt a little lazy,
Was resting near a buttercup
Who wished she were a daisy.

For daisies grew so trig and tall!
She always had a passion
For wearing frills around her neck,
In just the daisies' fashion.

And buttercups must always be
The same old tiresome color;
While daisies dress in gold and white,
Although their gold is duller.

"Dear robin," said the sad young flower,
"Perhaps you'd not mind trying
To find a nice white frill for me
Some day when you are flying?"

"You silly thing," the robin said,
"I think you must be crazy;
I'd rather be my honest self
Than any made-up daisy."

"You're nicer in your own bright gown;
The little children love you;
Be the best buttercup you can,
And think no flower above you."

"Though swallows leave me out of sight,
We'd better keep our places;
Perhaps the world would all go wrong
With one too many daisies."

"Look bravely up into the sky,
And be content with knowing
That God wished for a buttercup
Just here, where you are growing."

Sent in by B. P. M.

For A' That And A' That

BY ROBERT BURNS.

Is there for honest poverty
What wags his head, and a' that?
The coward slave, we pass him by;
We dare be poor for a' that.

For a' that, and a' that;
Our toils obscure, and a' that;
The rank is but the guinea's stamp—
The man's the gowd for a' that.

What though on hamely fare we dine,
What hoddin' gray, and a' that?
Gie fools their silks, and knaves their wine,
A man's a man for a' that.

For a' that, and a' that;
Their tinsel show, and a' that;
The honest man, though e'er sae poor,
Is king o' men for a' that.

Ye see your birkie ca'd a lord,
Who struts, and stares, and a' that;
Though hundreds worship at his word,
He's but a coof for a' that;
For a' that, and a' that;
His riband, star, and a' that;
The man of independent mind,
He looks and laughs at a' that.

A prince can make a belted knight,
A marquis, duke, and a' that;
But an honest man's aboon his might—
Gude faith, he maunna fa' that;
For a' that, and a' that;
Their dignities, and a' that;
The pith o' sense, and pride o' worth,
Are higher ranks than a' that.

Then let us pray that come it may—
As come it will for a' that,
That sense and worth, o'er a' the earth,
May bear the gree, and a' that.
For a' that, and a' that;

It's coming yet, for a' that—
When man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that!

Sent in by L. C. D.

A Mite Song

Only a drop in the bucket,
But every drop will tell;
The bucket would soon be empty
Without the drops in the well.

Only a poor little penny,
It was all I had to give;
But as pennies make the dollars,
It may help some cause to live.

A few little bits of ribbon,
And some toys; they were not new,
But they made the sick child happy,
Which has made me happy, too.

Only some outgrown garments;
They are all I have to spare;
But they'll help to clothe the needy,
And the poor are everywhere.

A word now and then of comfort,
That cost me nothing to say;
But the poor old man died happy;
And it helped him on the way.

God loveth the cheerful giver,
Though the gift be poor and small;
What doth he think of his children
When they never give at all?

—Anne McAvoy.



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Comfort's League of Cousins

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A Snow or Wealthy and there a Fall Pippin or Vandever. And I would be sure to have at least ten trees of the Black Spitzenberg—an apple that seems never to be grown nowadays and whose yellow flesh and dark red skin has many times nestled against my teeth in the most delightful way. There may be some two-legged elder mill in the world who loves apples better than I do, Ila, but I never met that juicy somebody yet. This has been a great year for apples and so it has been a great year for your apple-loving Uncle. I think I have eaten about seven barrels to date, Ila. Included in these were some of the wild apples that grow ripe and flavorful when the frosts come to the upland pastures. These lonely trees have a thorny and difficult life of it, only comrades by rabbits, woodchucks, partridges and appreciative cows. A cow is one of the best judges of apples in the world, and can smell a ripe specimen of the fruit almost as far as I can. Ila, it seems to me you must have more orchards than you need; how would you like to trade one of the smaller ones for a lame typewriter, a too-talented Goat and a stack of receipted grocer bills? I'll even give some boot if there happens to be a Black Spitzenberg among the rows.

BETHEL, OHIO.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS:
I'll tell you something about how I look first, maybe this will make it easier to get acquainted: Just picture me a common country lassie in a gingham dress. I have blue eyes and brown hair that is slightly curly. Although there's no dimple in my chin, there's one in each rosy cheek. They're the real stuff, Uncle, and didn't come from the drug store. Now don't take me for a fright, or for a beauty either, I'm neither one. I'm twelve years old, weigh 130 pounds, and am five feet and a half tall. Rather large for my age, am I not?

I started school this September as a freshman in high school at Bethel, a little town six miles away. I have a brother and sister who graduated in the class of '21. My sister will teach this winter near home. My brother is now at Newport, R. I., a free surgeon. My two other brothers and I will drive to school in a Ford. One will graduate this year, the other is just starting in with me. There, that's enough about myself—too much, I'm afraid. Now for some other things. The only fault I can find with COMFORT is that it doesn't come often enough, but mother says if it came oftener she would not get much work out of me for I love to read it so well.

I live on a farm of 200 acres, most of which is tended by my father and brothers. We can raise almost every crop here except those which need a warmer climate. Most of the hilly land is pastured by all domestic animals except goats (don't tell Billy!). There, I must quit before my letter gets tiresome. Send my love to the cousins and keep a big share for yourself.

A Country Cousin, MARY LEMING.

Mary, I was glad to hear you did not purchase your dimples at a drug store. These boughten dimples are not at all dependable either as to shade or depth. I knew a girl here in Brooklyn who bought a bottle of Dr. David Doodad's Indelible Dimples. Because she wanted good deep dimples she foolishly rubbed on a double dose. The result was she awoke in the morning with a neat little round hole in each plump cheek—which holes she now has to keep plugged up with pink plaster of Paris so there'll be no draught on her back teeth. No, indeed, Mary; it is well for every girl to avoid getting her dimples in a bottle. If dimpleless damsels feel that these dainty dents must be artificially procured, it is much better to manufacture 'em by using a quarter-inch bit or a hammer and nail-set.

I'll say you're rather large for your age, Mary. With 130 pounds to your credit at twelve years of age, you should be quite substantial by the time you are twenty-four—provided you can maintain the same rate of growth. You ought to be fairly tall by that time, too.

Here's congratulations on your domestic dimple crop, Mary. If you think you really ought to have one of the cunning cavities in your chin, let that free surgeon brother of yours have a try at the job of excavating. Anybody who can amputate the leg of a red elm with one hand ought to be able to put a dimple in a pink chin without half trying or even taking the edge off of any of his kit of tools.

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Comfort's League of Cousins

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League Shut-In and Mercy Work for January

"Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these you have done it unto Me." Written references from doctor and postmaster must positively accompany all appeals from shut-ins. Every month brings to me many letters which disregard this simple and necessary rule. Appeals unaccompanied by the references required will be destroyed.

Mrs. Willa Barber, Lamar, Mo. Unable to work and in constant pain for the past four years, this suffering woman worries greatly that she is unable to support herself as she has always done. Help her now when she is no longer able to help herself. Mrs. A. C. Hottinger, Hebron, O. Bedridden for 20 years, the case of this unfortunate is a particularly sad one. Cash will bring her some comforts and cheer. Ray Mills, Slocumb, R. R. 1, Box 38, Ark. This is an invalid boy of fourteen who asks for a postcard and letter shower. This boy should be easy to give. Lafayette Swanson, Boomer, R. R. 2, N. C. Dependent upon a sick wife for support, this man makes an urgent appeal for aid. He has been a shut-in, as helpless as a baby, for 20 years. Fred Bizell, Newton Grove, N. C. Almost a lifelong sufferer from an incurable case of painful rheumatism. Well recommended and a worthy case. Miss M. Brackin, Bee Log, N. C. A woman of 52, struggling for own support. A needy and well-recommended case. Claude Shifflet, Richmond, R. R. 3, Ky. A helpless shut-in dependent upon a widowed mother for care and support. Dimes and greenbacks will help them both to carry on. A. B. Elrod, Fairmount, Ga. A man of 47, a lifelong invalid only able to walk with crutches. His efforts to aid himself make him particularly worthy of the help of others. Boost him along the happiness road. Lancelot G. Reeves, Toney Creek, R. R. 1, S. C. A poor crippled lad of fifteen who asks dimes and cheer. Give him his wish. Mrs. Alice Stacy, Varnell Station, R. R. 1, Ga. A widow with an invalid son. She faces a difficult winter without warm clothes or money to buy fuel. Well recommended. Susan Gilliam, Klondike, R. R. 1, Box 55, Tenn. This 74-year-old woman asks aid for her husband and herself. With four children dead, this poor couple are left to fight unaided. Winter clothing will aid—but greenbacks will give double warmth to age and suffering. Fulton R. Lowe, Sheppard, R. R. 1, Box 33, Va. sends grateful words of thanks to COMFORT readers who have sent him various forms of aid. Mr. Lowe is badly in want of winter underclothing.

Many of those listed this month hoped to have their names in the December issue of COMFORT, but I was sorry to have their appeals come in too late for such appearance. Yet if their Christmas was made the more sad because of this disappointment, let their New Year be the brighter! Give them a genuine start on 1923 that will carry them along a happier path of weeks and months for a while at least. Their road must be a hard and painful one at best. Let one of our New Year resolutions be to smooth it for them all we can!

Lovingly,

Uncle Lisha

Comfort's League of Cousins

The League of Cousins was founded as a means of bringing the scattered members of COMFORT's immense circle of readers into one big, happy family. Its aim is to promote a feeling of kinship and relationship among all readers.

Membership is restricted to COMFORT subscribers and costs fifty-five cents, only five cents more than the regular subscription to COMFORT which is included. The fifty-five cents makes you a member of the League and gives you an attractive League button with the letters "C. L. O. C." a handsome certificate of membership with your name engraved thereon, and the privilege of having your name in the letter list, also a paid-in-advance subscription to COMFORT. You continue a League member as long as you keep your subscription to COMFORT. There are no annual dues, so after you have once joined all you have to do to keep in good standing is to keep your subscription to COMFORT paid up.

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Six Wheel Chairs in December

663 Is COMFORT'S Total to Date

I am pleased to close the Wheel-Chair account for 1922 with the announcement of six wheel chairs awarded and shipped in December, which brings the number of those sent out during the past year up to 41, and swells the grand total to 663 of these indispensable conveniences furnished to crippled shut-ins by COMFORT since the establishment of our Wheel-Chair department.

The recipients of the six December chairs are: Mrs. Mag Snodgrass, Powderly, Ky., 150; Miss Lucile Chapman, R. 1, Piedmont, S. C., 95; Luther T. Edmundson, Kenton, Tenn., 90; Mrs.



RUSSELL COCHRAN ENJOYING THE COMFORT WHEEL CHAIR.

Mayme E. Carter, R. 1, Troy, Ala., 87; Cleo Leverne Copple, 652 Virginia St., Hillsboro St., Hillsboro, Ill., 83; Raymond D. Ludvigson, Gunnison, Utah, 77. The figures following their respective addresses indicate the number of subscriptions sent in by these applicants or by their friends for them.

Mrs. Mag Snodgrass, age 50, is afflicted with severe swelling of knee which is very painful. It is nearly two years since she became so crippled as not to be able to walk. Her trouble appears to be chronic. Her wheel chair will make

her more comfortable and will be a help to her two children, on whom she is dependent, in caring for her.

Miss Lucile Chapman, age 20, for the past four years has been confined to her bed with rheumatism which has drawn her legs up so that they have to be supported by pillows as she lies on her back, the only tolerable position for her. Needless to say that she is a great sufferer.

Author T. Edmundson, age 54, for the past twelve years has suffered from rheumatism which is growing worse. It is two years since he has walked and he is now nearly helpless as he has no use of his legs and little use of his arms. He lives with, and is dependent on, his married sister.

Mrs. Mayme E. Carter, age 41, is so crippled that she can not walk, and has been in this deplorable condition the past three years as the result of a severe burn. She has been to the infirmary three times for treatment, the cost of which with other medical treatment has been a heavy burden on her husband and son. She hopes that her wheel chair will afford her some measure of relief.

Cleo Leverne Copple, age 12, has spinal weakness which affects her hips so that she can not walk, but she gets about to some extent by crawling like an infant. "So you see," as her mother writes, "the little girl needs a wheel chair."

Raymond D. Ludvigson, age 11, is paralyzed from his hips down, caused by nerve disorder, and, of course, has no use of his lower limbs.

The following letters of thanks and large Roll of Honor tell their own interesting stories.

I appeal to all you who are blessed with whole bodies and good health to help our Wheel-Chair Club to start the new year as beneficently for the shut-ins as it has closed the old year.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. GANNETT,

Publisher of COMFORT.

P.S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 150 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 50 cents each, sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled shut-in and pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscriptions, but I am always glad to do my part of this faster each month than you do yours.

Enjoys Her COMFORT Wheel Chair

Delta, Colorado, R. 2.

Dear Mr. Gannett: I enclose a picture of Lillian Atchley which I hope you will publish so that COMFORT readers may see how she enjoys her wheel chair, for which she and her family are very grateful.



LILLIAN ATCHLEY ENJOYING HER COMFORT WHEEL CHAIR.

Lillian wishes to thank the good people who have written her for their kind letters, and to explain that the reason why she has not answered them is that she can not write because of rheumatism, and her mother is sick, but wishes to thank you and others who have taken an interest in Lillian.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) Mary Atchley.

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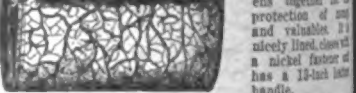
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American genius early discovered George Washington as an uncommon child because he "could not tell a lie"; but Diogenes is still out with his lamp looking for the rare bird who wants to pay the last penny due the tax collector. A generation ago no boy was looked upon as having completed his education unless he had helped "ooton" watermelons. Up until a remarkably recent date most ocean travelers thought themselves lacking in some element of cleverness possessed by their fellow humans until they had "smuggled." Human nature must still have a few flaws because when it comes to tax dodging we have an almost universal malady that is likely never to be cured. President Harding has several times directed attention to

the biggest case in point, and it is announced that one of the policies of his Administration will be to insist on another constitutional amendment that will prohibit further tax-exempt securities from being issued. No one seems to know just how this mania for "tax-exempt" securities started, but it is suspected that when enterprising American cities offered new factories "free taxes" that they sowed the wind that led to the ultimate whirlwind represented by the issuance of twenty billion dollars worth of tax-free securities.

Lazy money has grabbed at tax-exempt securities with the result that the public revenue has not only suffered, but the whole industrial situation of the nation has been affected because new capital for development has been curtailed. Law-making cannot reach the new na-

tional evil and it can be cured only by the major operation of a constitutional amendment. But Dr. Harding has given orders to prepare the instruments, the anesthetics and the restoratives for a severe case of surgery; and the country will doubtless wish him every success when he starts carving the artful Tax Exempt dodger.

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